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Anti-gay violence mars labor rally

Nashville lesbian and gay activists are dismayed by homophobic assault

By Elizabeth Pincus

NASHVILLE, TN — A gay man was struck to the ground by a presumed member of the United Mine Workers (UMW) at a labor rally here on Nov. 1. Several lesbians were also verbally harassed and threatened with knives during the confrontation, which ensued when members of the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Coalition (TGLC) refused to remove a banner celebrating gay and lesbian activism.

The TGLC was participating as an endorsing sponsor of the Mid-South Jobs With Justice rally, part of a nation-wide campaign attempting to encourage solidarity between labor unions and other civil rights groups.

"This has really traumatized me," said Gerry Scoppettuolo, the man who was assaulted. "We have to work together with labor unions, and they have to do more for gay people. I don't want to sully the labor movement, but you don't go around beating up gay people and get away with it."

Scoppettuolo, himself an organizer for the Service Employees Union (SEIU) Local 205 in Nashville, said he is especially troubled by the homophobic attack occurred at a labor function. He speculates that the perpetrators may have been members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) masquerading as rally marshalls, since openly-gay activists protested at a KKK rally near Nashville last July. However, no specific evidence supports that theory. According to Penny Campbell, one of the TGLC members threatened with a knife, the attackers said, "We're United Mine Workers and we're not putting up with this crap."

Scoppettuolo, Campbell and TGLC member Deborah Burks describe the incident as follows:

As several thousand people were congregating to begin the Sunday afternoon rally, TGLC members strung up a banner reading "G.A.L.A. — Gay and Lesbian Activists." Other political groups and food stands were also setting up operations nearby. Approximately eight white men (wearing armbands identifying them as Jobs With Justice safety marshalls) approached the TGLC group and demanded that they take down the banner and leave. TGLC refused and, following a vehement argument, the marshalls went off in a huddle. As the TGLC members attempted to garner support from neighboring groups, the marshalls returned and began cutting down the banner with knives. When the TGLC group rushed over in protest, two marshalls threatened them with knives, one directed at Scoppettuolo and one at Campbell. Scoppettuolo said he was then punched in the teeth and knocked to the ground in a daze. The marshalls fled, while a supportive volunteer from La Casa (a Central American solidarity group) retrieved the banner.

More TGLC and National Organization for Women members arrived and assisted Scoppettuolo, Campbell and the others. By

this time, other rally marshalls had arrived to ensure order and the attackers were not seen again. The rally proceeded peacefully with no mention of the violent episode from speakers on stage.

"I was terrified," said Campbell, "and I was afraid for Gerry when things got so nasty. We need to keep talking about this to remind people that it really happened. We're not going to sit around and let the UMW beat up on lesbians and gays."

The day after the rally, Scoppettuolo, Campbell, Burks and Devie Levin, another TGLC member present during the incident, contacted rally organizers and other labor officials, asking them to acknowledge what had happened and to support redressing homophobia in the labor movement.

Scoppettuolo wrote a letter to Jobs With Justice organizers, who coordinated the approximately 80 organizations involved in the rally. The letter reads in part:

If the rally held yesterday was meant to demonstrate the concept of solidarity, the Tennessee AFL-CIO has a lot of work to do. As a longtime union activist and organizer I am ashamed of my labor movement — and it is my labor movement whether the TN AFL-CIO likes it or not.

We will not stand by and let innocent lesbian and gay people be physically assaulted in broad daylight for the crime of asserting our first amendment rights — or for loving members of our own sex. This attack must not go unpunished and restitution must be made.

The letter makes several demands of the Tennessee AFL-CIO and the Jobs With Justice organizers, including: a formal apology to Scoppettuolo and the TGLC, the identification of the assailants, formal listing of the TGLC on Jobs With Justice literature, and "a letter to all affiliated AFL-CIO unions in TN urging their support and understanding for the employment rights of lesbian/gay persons as well as people with AIDS and people who have been diagnosed as having been exposed to the AIDS virus."

Two organizers of the Jobs With Justice rally Gordon Brehm and Melba Fiser, attended the Nov. 2 TGLC meeting to offer a formal apology. Scoppettuolo said they were sincere and responsive to the demands in his letter. Brehm, assistant to the president of the International Paper Workers Union, told GCN, "There's no excuse for what happened. It was wrong, but it was an isolated example of prejudice amidst the rally. Our members of the AFL-CIO are from a broad cross section of society and will unfortunately represent some of the discrimination that exists out there."

Brehm said he suspects the instigators of the violence came to the rally from another

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Safer Sex Blasted Again

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Pictured above: illustration from AIDS Action Committee brochure under fire.

Gay rights bill stalls in Mass. Senate

While House considers cutting off funds to the Boston-based AIDS Action Committee

By Elizabeth Pincus

BOSTON — As senators bickered, ranted and dallied their way into a third week of deliberation on the Massachusetts gay rights bill, many constituents in the Senate viewing gallery expressed incredulity and anger. Topics aired during discussion include: whether or not dyeing one's hair constitutes an act against nature, if "hard-working, god-fearing" people have enough time to participate in picket lines, and whether people preferred drinking beer to eating bread during Prohibition.

"We're into heavy dilatory tactics here," said one seasoned observer. "There's nothing subtle about this."

The increasingly tense stand-off at the State House over passage of the gay rights bill has been reduced to accusations and counter-accusations of misusing the legislative process. Bill proponents believe that anti-gay factions of the Senate are improperly delaying a deciding vote that, if passed, would send the bill into a Committee for a Third Reading. Opponents of the bill argue that their method of proposing additional amendments is appropriate and necessary.

As a result, House bill #5469, which would make it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, continues to stall. Were the bill to pass in the Senate, and assuming Gov. Michael Dukakis approves the legislation as expected, Massachusetts would become the second state (after Wisconsin) to adopt anti-discrimination protections for lesbians and gay men in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodation and credit.

Further debate on the bill has been postponed until the Senate Ways and Means Committee can assess its financial impact. This delay, requested by Sen. Edward Kirby (R-Whitman), will keep the legislation pending until at least Nov. 23. The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by bill-

supporter Sen. Patricia McGovern (D-Lawrence), is expected to send the bill back to the Senate floor as soon as possible. Sen. Michael Barrett (D-Cambridge), one of the bill's most vocal advocates, continued to express optimism. Though frustrated by opposition delay tactics he claims are improper, Barrett said the Senate's voting pattern on numerous bill amendments over the last two weeks indicates that a majority favors the legislation.

According to advocates of the bill, the primary delay tactic used by opponents has been the introduction of numerous amendments on the Senate floor. The proposed amendments have led to lengthy debates over technicalities, wording, and homophobic theories linking gay men and lesbians with child abuse, disease and immorality. In a long discussion concerning the suitability of gay men and lesbians as teachers, the topic of child molestation was raised. One irritated senator suggested a bill amendment that read, "A study shall be done among primary school teachers to determine if heterosexual teachers present a greater threat to children than homosexual teachers." The proposal was resoundingly trounced.

In another attempt to delay a vote, opposition senators pursued a long-winded debate over a proposed amendment to change the wording of the bill from "sexual orientation" to "sexual preference." This change was defeated as well. Other suggested amendments covered topics such as religious exemptions and veterans' rights. Amendments were passed which will put the question of lesbian and gay rights before voters next year.

"Most of the amendments proposed have been pointless and redundant," said Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (MGLPC).

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Quotes of the Week

“The gay community is a highly organized, militant marching group across America and around the world to gain social approval. Don’t be fooled . . . they won’t stop until the state government passes this bill. Their next goal is to legalize homosexual marriage — then you’ll have the whole camel, humps and all.”

—*State Sen. David Locke (R-Wellesley), during Senate deliberation over the Massachusetts gay rights bill.*

“I can’t stand homosexuals. I kill faggots. I hate homos. I love Catholics. Gays must die. He who’s straight and isn’t gay will live to fuck another day.”

— *Message left on the answering machine of a Boston gay activist who was quoted by the Boston Herald about his attendance at a demonstration protesting the Archdiocese campaign to stop passage of the Massachusetts lesbian and gay rights bill.*

Transfusion warning to go to California HMO members

SAN FRANCISCO — Three Kaiser health maintenance organization (HMO) hospitals will send out notices to 30,000 members who may have been exposed to blood containing the HIV virus during their hospital stays between 1977 and March 1985, reports the Montrose Voice.

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco, which supplies blood to many area hospitals, estimates that up to one in 100 units of blood used between 1981 and 1983 may have been contaminated with the virus. The contamination rate from 1980 through February 1985 is estimated as one in 500 units. The blood was sent to Kaiser hospitals in San Francisco, San Rafael, Vallejo, and to several other Bay Area hospitals.

Sixty-nine people are known to have contracted AIDS from Irwin blood, and at least fifteen lawsuits are pending against the company. Screening has reduced the incidence of AIDS virus in the nation’s blood supply, including Irwin, to less than one unit in every 50,000.

Dan Danzig, spokesperson for Kaiser, told GCN the Kaiser hospitals have been working with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation to develop a process for contacting members and counseling them about “the pros and cons of testing.” “Basically we [Kaiser] will be neutral [about testing] in the sense that it is a personal choice,” Danzig said. “But we will make the test available without charge to our members.”

□Lori Kenschaft

Explicit films work best

NEW YORK — Showing erotic explicit films of safer sex practices is more effective than other techniques that inform gay men of higher risk sexual behavior, according to a study by the Gay Men’s Health Crisis.

The study was done by Dr. Michael Quadland, professor of psychiatry at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and involved 619 gay and bisexual New York men, according to the New York Times. The study first assessed the men’s attitudes and sexual behavior with an extensive anonymous questionnaire. The men were then divided into four groups. Three of the groups spent a weekend learning and discussing safer sex, although each group was given different types of educational materials. In the first group the men saw and discussed erotic films depicting safe sex practices. One film showed two men on a date talking about safe sex, and then showed one man putting on a condom for oral sex. Another film involved a man with AIDS and his lover talking, touching and engaging in mutual masturbation. Those in the second group were given printed material to read and discuss. The third group listened to a man with AIDS speak and then were provided with safer sex guidelines. The fourth group was given written material on safer sex, but had no opportunity to discuss the material.

Two months after the program, Dr. Quadland gave each man the original ques-

tionnaire again. The second survey found the men who had seen the films made the greatest changes in their behavior. The men who received the written material gave up sex completely for a time but did not change their sexual behavior when they resumed having sexual relationships. The Times report quotes Lori Behrman of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis saying the study’s findings are particularly striking because of recent legislation by Senator Jesse Helms making it illegal for the Federal Centers for Disease Control to finance AIDS education of organizations that “promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual activity.”

Dr. Quadland acknowledged that some people might find some of the safer sex materials offensive but stated “this is a health issue not a moral issue.”

□Joan Doyle

Class action suit to fight prison rape

SAN FRANCISCO — “People Organized to Stop Rape of Imprisoned Persons” is looking for people who fear they contracted AIDS through sexual assault while in confinement. The human rights organization founded in 1979 by a prisoner, Russel D. Smith, is gathering material for a class action suit. The suit would be based on a combination of two previous cases — *Woodhus v. Commonwealth of Virginia* (1973) involving prison rape, and *LaRocca v. Dalsheim* (New York, 1983) pertaining to AIDS in prison. People Organized to Stop Rape of Imprisoned People can be reached at P.O. Box 246, Napa, CA 94559, (415) 227-5639.

□Joan Doyle

Lesbian fights her own father for custody

DECATUR, IL — Sharon Brown has been fighting for more than a year to get custody of her 20-month-old son, Lawrence, from her father.

The boy was born while Brown was addicted to cocaine. According to the Chicago *Outlines*, Brown decided to seek treatment in order to be a good parent to her son, and therefore accepted her father’s and step-mother’s offer to care for the newborn while she was in a rehabilitation program. Since treatment she has been free from drugs, and she has been living with her lover for more than one-and-one-half years. But her father says he refuses to return Lawrence to her care because of her “lifestyle.”

In addition to her lesbianism and her status as a rehabilitated drug user, Brown’s case is complicated by a diabetic condition which requires that someone else live with her. The fact that she lives with her lover has, in turn, been used against her in court. Brown’s attorney, Joyce Matuzuk, calls the situation a “Catch-22.” Although there are strong precedents against using rehabilitation status or a medical diagnosis against someone in a custody case, her lesbianism will likely be used against her, according to the lawyer. “Being gay *is* the issue,” Matuzuk stated. “The ‘red flag’ behind that is AIDS.”

“My lover and I want a nice family,” explained Brown. “But I don’t have the money to fight this. I don’t want to hide anything [about being a lesbian], but that makes this a harder fight.”

To contribute to the Sharon Brown Legal Defense Fund, send checks c/o Joyce Matuzuk, 205 W. Wacker, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60606.

□Lori Kenschaft

PWAs meet

DALLAS, TX — Over 70 men and women with AIDS from all parts of the country gathered for a three-day conference of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) in September. The conference offered workshops on such subjects as Legal Awareness, Dealing with the Media, and Spirituality. Informal discussions included talks on holistic healing, crystal meditation, and alternative therapies.

According to the Baltimore *Alternative*, participants discussed their shared concerns

as people with AIDS: discrimination, lack of compassion from some medical professionals, and anger at the slow speed of legislatures and the FDA. Participants also explored how local differences in the dynamics of the disease affect how it should be handled in different areas.

The Dallas PWA Coalition provided free housing in a recently purchased housing complex with 22 apartments, while most of the meetings were held at a local Episcopal church.

□Lori Kenschaft

Hate crimes bill advances

WASHINGTON, DC — The Hate Crimes Bill was passed by the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary without an amendment that would have deleted sexual orientation from the “hates” covered by the bill.

The bill (H.R. 3193) would mandate federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by sexual orientation, race, religion, and ethnicity. The anti-gay amendment was sponsored by Rep. George Gekas (R-PA), who compared homosexuals to “rapists and child molesters.” The committee defeated the amendment by a vote of 22-11 (2 abstentions), and passed the full bill by a 22-13 vote.

The bill will go to the full House in the Spring of 1988. According to Kevin Berril, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Anti-Violence Project Director, gay activists “have a lot of work to do” before the bill will be made into law.

□Lori Kenschaft



Helen Hayes

AIDS walk-a-thon participants

New Hampshire walks for hope

MANCHESTER, NH — The newly-founded New Hampshire AIDS Foundation sponsored its first annual Walk of Hope on Oct. 25. The walk garnered \$10,000 in corporate donations and individual sponsorships for the 6.2 mile trek.

□Helen Hayes

Poofter-bashing on Australian radio

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal has reached the preliminary finding that material broadcast on radio station 2GB Sydney earlier this year “may have incited or perpetuated hatred against a group on the basis of sexual preference.”

The material was broadcast on Jan. 15 during the John Pearce morning call-in program. As one of the discussion topics, Pearce chose Sydney City Council’s decision to approve a development application for the Roman Bath. Pearce invited listeners to phone in and discuss the topic “if you’ve got a wrist strong enough to pick up the phone.” He began the discussion saying he refused to use the word “gay” for poofers.

Two callers advocated violence. The first suggested that gay bath houses should be used to gas homosexuals and the second proposed drowning.

Pearce responded to the first with “Awww, can’t do that,” and did not

challenge the drowning suggestion in any way. During a conversation with a caller who identified himself as a retired policeman, Pearce suggested police stationed at Darlinghurst might like to trip a homosexual as he “minced along.” To Pearce’s tripping suggestion, the caller said: “You can’t do that now. In the old days, well, it would happen. They’d fall down the stairs occasionally.”

The complaint against 2GB was lodged by Robert French on behalf of the Gay Rights Lobby. According to the Sydney *Star Observer*, French has been informed that the Tribunal intends meeting with 2GB’s management to discuss the matter but that 2GB has already responded. The station is believed to have pointed to its positive stories on the gay community and informative reports on AIDS. 2GB used the same defense back in 1982 when the Gay Solidarity Group complained to the Tribunal that Rev. Fred Nile’s statements were incitements to poof-ter-bashing.

□Ken Lovett

Diners denied

PHILADELPHIA — Two men filed a complaint with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations alleging they were kicked out of a restaurant/piano bar because they were perceived to be gay. Michael Beer and George Lakey claim the manager of Mirabelle told them “We know you’re queer. I wish you’d get the hell out. You can make a big stink. I’m not going to back down. I’m not going to serve you.”

The manager claimed the two men were “under-dressed,” even though other people in the bar were also dressed in jeans.

Mirabelle’s owner, Chuck Scupham, said the men were kicked out because their behavior was “not appropriate at my place.” He said the men were “very visible — it was embarrassing.” Scupham said he would enforce this policy for all people, both gay and heterosexual.

□Joan Doyle

More restaurant homophobia

HAGERSTOWN, MD — Larry and Seija Doolittle were forced to close their restaurant because of homophobia and AIDS hysteria focused on their maitre d’, Steve Sobota.

The Doolittle’s believe the rumors that Sobota is gay and has AIDS started from jealousy over his excellent performance and rapid promotion. Doris Martin, a kitchen expeditor, proclaimed at one point, “Either that fag goes, or I do.” “I don’t like that,” said Mrs. Doolittle. When Sobota offered his resignation in an attempt to save the restaurant, she responded, “Nobody’s different in my book. I won’t take that [letter] from you.”

According to the Baltimore *Alternative*, the rumors assume that because Sobota is gay he must have AIDS. “I do not have AIDS,” Sobota emphasized. “I don’t act effeminate, or stand out, and I do not broadcast my sexual preference to anyone. I have maintained a wonderful relationship of seven years with my lover . . . I just didn’t understand their hatred.” Sobota moved back to his hometown, Hagerstown, in order “to leave the crime and filth of Baltimore” after he was beaten by four youths outside a Baltimore gay bar last spring.

□Lori Kenschaft

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Boston council backs down

Fired gay aides are reinstated per court order

By Chris Bull

BOSTON — A federal court judge on Nov. 18 ordered the immediate reinstatement of two aides to openly gay City Councilor David Scondras.

The aides, Gary Dotterman and French Wall, were fired for their membership in the Committee for Civil Liberties and Sexual Freedom (CCLSF), a group dedicated to defending the rights of all parties in cases where sex with minors is charged.

Dotterman, who resigned from CCLSF in October under pressure from Scondras, said he would continue to "do whatever is necessary to defend the freedom of the Committee.... Deep down I would have loved to have seen hundreds of thousands in the street demonstrating for us, because we must come to the aid of everyone, no matter how unpopular. A lot of people have had to ask themselves deep questions about this issue, but we still have a long way to go."

U.S. District Judge Rya Zobel granted a preliminary injunction reinstating Wall and Dotterman, awarding them back pay from Sept. 30, when the City Council voted 9-2 to fire them. Attorneys for the city and the plaintiffs reached an agreement on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Wall and Dotterman agreed to drop their suit against the individual members of the council in return for reinstatement. But Wall and Dotterman retained the right to reassert their claims later. A second lawsuit against all 13 councilors "in their official capacity as members of the City Council" remains intact.

"The councilors' position was outrageous and indefensible — so indefensible that it was not defended. It's a terrific victory," said James Dittmar, attorney for Dotterman and Wall.

CCLSF was formed on July 13 to investigate the case of Donald Dobson, who is being prosecuted on charges involving sex with two Puerto Rican teenagers. The Committee has focused primarily on the treatment of the two boys who reportedly were held against their will for as long as seven months by the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

The City Council reacted to a series of articles in the Boston *Herald* describing the Committee and Dotterman and Wall as supporting sex between adults and children. CCLSF has not taken a stand on the age of consent or on intergenerational sex. The council move to fire Dotterman and Wall was led by Councilors Albert O'Neil, James Kelley and Maura Hennigan-Casey. Scondras and Charles Yancey voted not to fire the staffers.

Outspoken homophobes O'Neil and Kelley told *GCN* they were very upset by the city attorney's decision to negotiate with Dotterman and Wall. "I thought our attorney would fight like hell. I think we have the authority not to reappoint those people who are a total embarrassment because of their position on sex with children," said O'Neil. "Those two better not flaunt their perverted selves around these halls again," he added. "If they do they have another thing coming." O'Neil went on to claim he would be the next mayor of Boston "and then just wait and see what happens to you people."

However, Council President Bruce Bolling told *GCN* the Council was consulted on the decision to negotiate and that the city attorney's action "was best for everyone involved.... I did not think the action [the firing of Dotterman and Wall] was appropriate in the first place." Bolling, who originally attempted to delay the Council decision on the firing, was one of the nine councilors voting to terminate the aide's contracts.

CCLSF member Tom Reeves said although the work of the Committee was vindicated by the decision, he believes Dotterman and Wall deserve more. He said the case "could have been won and won big." Reeves said he was disappointed by the lack of community support. "There was no outpouring of support, as there would have been if a Black man had been accused of raping a white woman, for example." What support there was, he said, amounted to "defending the right of communists to free speech while calling them communist swine."

Reeves said the move by the council and actions by U.S. Attorney's office, which investigated several members of the Committee, represent the "heaviest attack on any group since the Black Panthers." He claimed they have succeeded in keeping the Committee from doing important work on similar cases. "When we try anything they send the Gestapo out to our houses."

CCLSF members here pledged to continue their work, despite the attacks. Committee member Ed Hougen told *GCN* that CCLSF will push for a thorough investigation into the situation of the Puerto Rican teens and demand an apology from the City Council for firing Dotterman and Wall. □

be going out."

Gay rights lobbyists, already overextended by the ongoing Senate struggle, scrambled to confer with representatives about the importance of the AAC's work and the need for graphic material about AIDS. Many expressed fear that the House action mirrors the recently passed Jesse Helms (R-NC) amendment limiting explicit safer sex education on a federal level. Larry Kessler, executive director of the AAC, said the controversial brochure has been endorsed by U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and provides the gay men's community with vital information.

Kessler also said state funds were not used for the brochure, only for less-detailed literature distributed outside the gay community, which state Public Health Commissioner Deborah Prothrow-Stith confirmed. Kessler stressed that cutting AAC funds would harm people with AIDS and the broader community which benefits from his agency's services. He promised to continue to distribute safer sex information despite public censure.

Boston AIDS activist Peter Medoff stated that the threat to AAC funding represents dangerous right-wing maneuvering. He said the newly-formed AIDS direct action group in Boston may decide to stage a demonstration opposing the deliberations in the House. But Medoff said the response to the House attack must go further than merely supporting the AAC. "The AAC has no political agenda around AIDS," Medoff stated. "I want to help them, but there are clear connections between AIDS issues and tons of other issues that the AAC doesn't address. It's all part of a larger dynamic of

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AIDS: Psychological and chemical warfare

Part I of this series presented evidence that AIDS was first spread through vaccination programs — for smallpox in Africa and Brazil and for hepatitis-B among homosexuals and IV drug users in the U.S. Where the disease originated is still debatable, but evidence increasingly suggests chemical/biological warfare. Part II dealt with the psychological warfare accompanying the disease. This final part continues discussion of psychological warfare and concludes with some consideration of chemical and environmental warfare.

By Charley Shively

When a friend died of a heart attack in a men's room toilet, I felt not only the loss but also joy that he had died doing what he enjoyed. When another friend died with AIDS in 1984, I was quite shaken. I had rescued him from the Metropolitan District Police after a bust in the Bird Sanctuary, where we had had sex and shared many orgies. The emotional response to heart attack or even to cancer is different from that to AIDS. All deaths are not the same.

The response to AIDS is different because it has been defined as a sexually transmitted disease. Neither heart attack nor cancer are usually connected with sex; any form of death that can be connected with sex arouses greater terror. For some people sex itself has been connected with death; therefore a sexually related, fatal disease significantly confirms a pre-existing prejudice that sex kills.

A recent survey found that AIDS had replaced heart disease in the public mind as the second most serious health problem in the United States (*NY Times*, 3/25/87). While cancer still ranks first in public concern, AIDS has captured the minds and hearts of Reagan's America. About half a million people in the U.S. die each year from heart failure, with pork, beef, alcohol and nicotine contributing generously to the statistic. Since 1980, fewer than 50,000 people have been diagnosed with AIDS; about 25,000 have died. Since 1930, about three-and-a-half million people in the U.S. have died of heart disease; one hundred and forty times the number who have died with AIDS.

Since it was first identified, AIDS has been classified as a sexually transmitted disease (STD). That classification is itself an act of psychological warfare. First, the whole concept of an STD is meaningless. The so-called "venereal diseases" have been linked together by politicians, clerics and medics for their own nasty purposes. Second, AIDS doesn't fit the standard definitions of sexually transmitted diseases.

STD is an update of the older term, VD —

venereal disease. That term was actually more accurate insofar as it referred to diseases of the genitalia. As "venereal disease" became too obvious a term, "sexually transmitted disease" replaced it as a euphemism. It is interesting that Massachusetts General Hospital has an Eye Ear and Nose clinic for diseases of three particular parts of the body, but it has no Cock Cunt and Asshole clinic; instead, like most hospitals, it includes such disorders in its skin (or dermatology) clinic.

But STD departs even further from the body than VD and connotes behavior. STD is a particularly inaccurate term, because venery, sex, prostitution and promiscuity do not transmit or carry diseases. Diseases are produced by various agents — bacteria, parasites, viruses and various poisons (asbestos for instance). These agents have specific carriers — air, mosquitoes, smoke, rats, dogs, milk, cats, pigs, fish, water or humans. Sexual activity might sometimes cause injury but by itself does not cause any disease. Semen and blood — often linked with AIDS — have from the most ancient times been connected with pollution. Mythologically they do not carry disease; they are in themselves disease.

STD or VD represents a medical myth, little more than a century old. This misconception has been perpetuated over the years as an explanation for various maladies — hepatitis, herpes, and most recently AIDS. According to the American Social Hygiene Association, "When you get into venereal diseases you get into sex and when you get into sex you get into the most fundamental thing in the human race. We can't cure it." (*No Magic Bullet*, 173.)

An argument could be made that gonorrhea and perhaps syphilis are spread only by way of anal and vaginal fucking. Most contagious diseases (flu, measles, typhoid, scarlet fever, smallpox, etc.) can be spread by any contact. Gonorrhea may be the only disease spread exclusively by and confined

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"The continuous delaying tactics are outrageous. In a way, they point up stereotypes and show why a gay rights bill is necessary. It's a disgrace that proponents of the bill are prohibited from getting to vote."

Sen. Sal Albano (D-Somerville), who has repeatedly called for the bill's passage, agreed, saying, "This will just go on and on. We're getting tired—things are getting stupid."

Homophobia in the House

The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted 93-38 this week to consider rescinding funds allocated to the AIDS Action Committee (AAC). Rep. Thomas McGee (D-Lynn) initiated this resolution after reading the AAC-distributed brochure titled "Safer Sex Can Be Sensuous" which was sent to Representatives by a conservative Needham doctor, Joseph R. Stanton. Further action on McGee's motion has been postponed until Nov. 24, when the House will decide if the issue merits study in a joint special committee.

The brochure in question also circulated among Massachusetts senators earlier this month. It came with a cover letter from Stanton which reads in part: "The enclosed pamphlet clearly *promotes* rather than *educates*. Please oppose the so-called gay rights bill. It is a mandate of social acceptance of deviant behavior."

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis also publicly condemned the brochure as "far too explicit," and stated, "I don't think that kind of material ought to

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Prison does not mean that you cannot grow

Dear GCN:

When I came here I could not read and write. I have been in school going on 4 years and I hope to have my G.E.D. soon. I feel that every woman in prison should do something for herself while she is doing time to help when she gets out so she can get a job and not have to go back to prison again.

Just because you are a woman of the prison world does not mean that you cannot grow behind bars. Get all the education you can get. Get involved in drug and alcohol programs if needed, so you can get your asses out of prison for good when you get out this time.

If any of you women would like to ask me questions, feel free to do so. Drop me a line. I have been in workshop for 2 years. I am in training to be a peer counselor in the walls and hopefully outside the walls.

Let's all keep holding hands and reach out to all prisoners,

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GCN received copies of the following two letters to the Pilot, the official Archdiocese of Boston newspaper.

Misinformed self-righteousness

Philip Lawler, Editor
The Pilot
Boston Archdiocese
49 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Sir:

I am outraged by your recent editorial linking homosexuality and sexually transmitted diseases, in service of defeating the gay rights bill in Massachusetts. As a lesbian raised Catholic and living in Boston eight years, as well as a former AIDS Action buddy and currently a social worker dealing with iv-drug using families, I remain incredulous at your misinformed self-righteousness.

Given you are a member of the Catholic church, I'm unsurprised you view homosexuals as men only. Lesbians are among the lowest in terms of statistics for sexually transmitted diseases and as a woman I am discriminated against often in the areas the gay rights bill would help to protect me — employment, credit and housing. In this society I am barely accorded human rights, let alone the rights to love whom I wish and not be punished for it by the likes of you.

Obviously you are still operating under the assumption that only homosexuals are afflicted by AIDS, or they are responsible for its spread. This is a myopic and dangerous view. AIDS is spread by a virus, not by a sexuality. It is spread by high risk behaviors not by definable groups. Many Catholic men, be they white, Black or Hispanic are infected. Women are the fastest growing group of people with AIDS.

If the church were not so consumed with judging others and standing in the way of human rights in this country, your many resources would be very helpful in helping to lessen and even mitigate the suffering of your fellow men and women — be they people with AIDS or healthy gay and lesbian or heterosexual humans.

Get educated, Mr. Lawler, before your ignorance comes back in your face, or better yet, ask a priest how many of his fellows have engaged in sexual activities which may put them at risk for AIDS, and refer them to people who are interested in helping.

Marea Murray
Allston, MA

Official church blessing of gaybashers

Dear Pilot Editor:

As a lifelong Catholic, former seminarian, and gay man with AIDS, I was saddened and revolted by your hate-filled editorial, "Gay Rights?"

I have not found it amusing all these years to be told by bigots like you that I am an "abomination," that I "thrive on promiscuity," and that "my" sexual behavior "breeds disease." Only my unshakeable faith in God's love for all creation has kept me from seeking retribution against this nonstop aggression.

What is most unholy about your bigotry is not that it provides a convenient escape for the Senate leadership to scuttle the Gay Rights Bill, but, even worse, it gives the appearance of official Church blessing to gaybashers, at whose hands I have suffered too many times.

And please spare us your hypocritical concerns about Black civil rights. Your divide-and-conquer tactics will backfire, as this long-term interracial household can testify.

Sincerely,
Richard F. Tremblay
Boston, MA

Refuting the Globe-al "gay lifestyle"

Dear GCN:

Please print this letter to the Boston Globe, as they probably won't:

Dear Sirs:

In an article in the November 5 Boston Globe on the Gay Rights Bill currently before the Senate, I was disgusted and angered to read, "Senate opponents [of the bill], with the strong backing of the Roman Catholic Church, feel that a favorable vote would be a clear nod of approval for a lifestyle that deeply offends them."

There is no such thing as a "gay lifestyle," just as there is no such thing as a "non-gay lifestyle." There are gay men and women of all races, ages, religions, and from all political parties. Our diversity and individuality mirror that of the non-gay population. My sense is that those who are "offended" by gay people ignorantly equate the word "gay" with an image of promiscuity, moral corruption, and sin — a myth constantly regurgitated by the Roman Catholic Church. As a community, we are no more promiscuous than non-gay people — and whether stock brokers or artists, long haired or short, effeminate or masculine, gay people are as productive, caring, and responsible as non-gay people. Anyone who possesses a logical mind cannot disagree with this.

As an openly gay man, I invite any of the Senators who oppose this bill to examine my personal and professional life and tell me how my lifestyle could possibly offend them. I ask them to meet with me and learn about my position as a job skills instructor, to view the work I produce as an artist, and to meet my friends and family. If, after this, any of these Senators can provide a reason why I should not have my civil rights protected by law, then they do not deserve the votes that placed them in office. Senators and clergy must separate the hysteria of religious rhetoric from supportable facts, and the Gay Rights Bill must be passed.

Sincerely,
Richard W. Rule
Somerville, MA

AIDS quilt untimely?

Dear GCN:

I have sent copies of this letter to both Newsweek and Life magazines, to protest their homophobic attitude about the "limited relevance" of the NAMES Project and its quilt memorializing those beloved brothers and sisters who have died of AIDS.

I'd appreciate it if you'd publish even a portion of my letter, and see if we can get a national boycott going, at least in the very sizable gay communities around the country. Remember, every one of us will have someone we know die of AIDS before this is all over, and their memories will live with us forever. Are we going to let someone tell us it doesn't matter?

Dear Newsweek and Life Editors:

It was my understanding that you were

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planning on running an extensive photo article on The NAMES Project, and the making of the quilt memorializing people who have died of AIDS.

I now understand that you have decided that the topic is no longer timely, and therefore will not run the story. It is my belief, the belief of the 650,000 who marched on Washington, D.C., on October 11, and the belief of those millions who could not attend, that remembering and mourning our loved ones will not lose its timeliness. In this case, with a disease of such epic proportions, we will all be mourning the loss of loved ones for many years to come.

Therefore, I am sending this letter to many local and national newspapers, and we in San Francisco who have watched this epidemic, and its quilt, grow over the years, are calling for a national boycott of your magazine. If the 650,000 who attended the quilt's unveiling, plus the millions who didn't but eagerly awaited your article, all cancel our subscriptions and tell everyone we know to do the same, you will become aware of the insult your decision is to those of us who put people over business. In addition, you will lose the prospective sale of all of those copies of your special article, and *that* is bad business.

Marjorie Sheffield
Oakland, CA

What is the message?

Dear GCN:

Last year I was told by the Parole Board that I would not get a hearing for 17 years after my arrest. This for nothing more than consensual fellatio with two boys I had given a good home to, along with myself and my daughter; a far, far better home than the one they came from. A First Degree Murderer gets a hearing in 12½ years. What is the message that the law conveys here?

One of the two boys on my case, now 18, has been to visit twice and has offered to help in any way he can. He testified at my post-conviction hearing last March that he was heavily intimidated when questioned for two days. At age 14 he was subjected to a homophobic detective shaking a finger in his face and telling him, "We can send you away forever unless you tell us what we want to know." When I asked him if he had believed them, he said that he certainly did.

However, without a lawyer I can't get the first break in state court, no matter how good my case. My only hope comes with the Habeas Corpus filed in the Federal District Court, providing I can get an attorney.

I had in mind saving my social security pension, however my pension was terminated last October for now being a prisoner, just when a person needs it most. I have 3 cases in federal court: habeas corpus, an appeal of the termination of my social security pension, and an appeal of the rejection for the therapy program (a matter of age discrimination). Without representation a prisoner has little or no chance.

I do appreciate what GCN has done for all of us.

Ray Latham
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Nut & honey homophobia

GCN received a copy of this letter to the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI.

Dear Advertising Director:

I write in response to two of your television commercials for Kellogg's Nut and Honey Crunch cereal.

In the first commercial, a young army private is eagerly downing his food. When he is asked by his sergeant what he is eating, he innocently responds "Nut and Honey," though this sounds very much like "nothin' honey." The sergeant, misunderstanding the private, becomes menacing and hostile, making the private feel extreme embarrassment. The scene is soon repeated when a high-ranking officer asks the sergeant what he is eating. This time it is the sergeant who feels embarrassed.

This basic misunderstanding, resulting from the slurring of words, is used again in another of your commercials. In a scene reminiscent of the Old West, a number of ranch hands ask the cook what's for breakfast. When he responds "nothin' honey," the cowboys snarl, pull their guns from their holsters, and point them at the cook's head, as if to blow out his brains.

I was offended by the incidents portrayed in the first commercial. My feeling turned to outrage upon seeing the second.

In creating the scenario, you use the soldiers to tell us that tender feelings toward others of the same sex are wrong and that people who express such feelings are appropriate targets of ridicule and contempt.

This ethic not only has the effect of seriously jeopardizing the emotional and physical safety of gays and lesbians, but it also keeps people locked into rigid gender-based roles which inhibit everyone, irrespective of sexual orientation.

In the second commercial, not only have you corrupted history (in point of fact, homosexual behavior was quite common in the Old West), but of greater significance, your would-be "cereal" killers are transmitting the message that violent acts directed against gay males and lesbians are justified, even obligatory, and that this is somehow humorous.

Incidents of anti-gay and lesbian violence are on the increase. The Washington, D.C.-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force documented 4,946 cases of such acts in 1986. The figure is considerably higher than the 2,042 incidents reported to the Task Force in 1985.

As it is unacceptable in advertising to depict women, racial, and ethnic groups in degrading and inferior situations, so too is it unacceptable to present derogatory images of lesbians and gays — images which continue the negative stereotyping and the myths surrounding their lives, images which perpetuate the hate-related violence directed against them. It is time for this type of irresponsible and inflammatory advertising to cease forever.

Members of the media, including advertisers, have the power to perpetuate society's bigotry or to promote understanding. Feeling as I do that the latter option is desirable, I ask you to pull your current Nut and Honey Crunch cereal commercials from the air.

Sincerely,
Warren Blumenfeld
Cambridge, MA

Complex issues of sex between adults & children

Dear GCN:

Thanks for Chris Bull's article about the pornography ring run by Ed Conflict-of-Interest Meese and his band of crooks and ne'er-do-wells. Evidently they engaged in this particular illegal activity — reproducing and advertising child pornography — in order to entrap and arrest some individuals and ruin a few lives rather than to turn a profit, their more usual motive for breaking the law. Coupled with the Boston City Council's recent illegal firings of French Wall and Gary Dotterman in retaliation for their support of due process for people accused of illegal sex with minors, the Meese Police actions make it abundantly clear that lawmakers and law-enforcers don't have much respect for any law that restrains them from persecuting the designated fall-guys for rampant child sexual abuse.

However, I think Bull's article as well as GCN's earlier coverage of the case that prompted the Wall-Dotterman firings could be much richer and more informative if they included the opinions of a broader cross-section of the gay and lesbian community. Choosing to quote only law enforcement creeps on the one hand and boy-lovers and their legal counsel on the other oversimplifies the highly-sensitive and complicated issues of sex between children and adults, and makes it appear that there is a consensus within our community on these issues that I don't think exists.

I hope there is some agreement among us that Ed Meese and his ilk are no friends of sexually abused children, and that canning people like Wall and Dotterman is an outrage. But there are other issues involved here as well — e.g., what *do* we make of depictions of young children engaged in sexual acts? how *do* the many lesbians organizing against child sexual abuse — in the Virginia LaLonde case, for example — feel about seeing that issue manipulated by the Right? in cases where pornography or sex with children pertains primarily to heterosexual men, how much coverage should GCN give? Future news reports on related issues could benefit from including the voices of a wider variety of lesbian and gay activists.

Thanks.
Pam Mitchell
Cambridge, MA

Dukakis is candidate of non-choice

Dear GCN:

Regarding D.J. Wilson's letter "Dukakis is the candidate of choice," (GCN, vol. 14 no. 16), let's set the record straight. Dukakis is a candidate of non-choice. Every time there's an election, people are quick to state what little choice there is; the Republican and the Democratic parties year after year offer us pro-corporate, anti-gay candidates. Every election we try to find the least objectionable Democrat (or liberal Republican) to support, only to be rudely reminded that they will always put the lesbian and gay community at the bottom of their list. To me, this kind of "pragmatism" that D.J. Wilson and others are attached to is a losing tactic which reeks of humiliation, cynicism, and powerlessness. The lesbian/gay community doesn't need to be publicly degraded by supporting Dukakis. We need power.

In 1988, Americans will have a truly historic choice. Dr. Lenora Fulani is running as an independent, progressive presidential candidate. She is a brilliant lobbyist and spokesperson for a Black-led, multi-racial, pro-gay movement. She is co-chair of a Blue Ribbon Commission for Fair Elections, along with Rep. John Conyers of Michigan. What's so unusual and powerful about her campaign is that it's not a plea for votes, but is a national lobbying effort to put pressure on the major candidates to make gay rights, civil rights, abortion rights, peace and non-intervention the critical issues in the 1988 campaign. If these aren't the major issues in '88, we stand to lose them to the Far Right, which is raising over \$1 million every day to destroy civil, gay and abortion rights and to enact their social vision into law.

For the lesbian and gay community, Lenora Fulani is pushing a bold four part legislative plan: a federal AIDS bill of rights, a federal lesbian and gay rights bill, a reversal of the Hardwick anti-sodomy ruling, and a national health service that would guarantee decent health care for people with AIDS. Lesbian and gay rights are not an issue for Democratic and Republican leaders. Our millions of votes no longer represent a "constituency" but a "liability" to the two major parties. Dukakis and Bush and the rest of the beauty contestants are telling us to get back in the closet for 1988.

Fulani will be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and she will reach the threshold for federal matching funds by Thanksgiving of 1987. Paul Simon and Jesse Jackson haven't even reached that threshold yet. Fulani will be in the middle of the presidential race, bringing our issues into the campaign, forcing a change of focus from a competition of Madison Avenue-produced images to a serious dialogue around the issues that people really care about. We need to know where the candidates are going to stand on gay rights and AIDS funding.

The lynch-pin issue in this campaign will be fair elections. The myth about democratic choice in U.S. politics is hard to swallow. Out of 76 democratic nations, the U.S. ranks as number 75 in levels of voter participation. The Blue Ribbon Commission on Fair Elections, which Dr. Fulani co-chairs and which is made up of elected officials and community leaders from around the country, is mandated to democratize the electoral process by reforming ballot access, campaign financing, media and debate access, and representation at party conventions. The federal elections have become monopolized by the two party system. They need to be opened up so that they are a public forum and referendum for gay rights, civil rights, peace and all our issues.

D.J. Wilson writes of Dukakis' humanity, but Dukakis is drafting cutting edge, homophobic policy on foster care and AIDS insurance. Why would a gay person want to vote for that? That's a dangerously inhumane politic. These attacks on democracy and the civil rights of lesbians and gay men and people with AIDS must be stopped. Fulani's Committee for Fair Elections has more humanity than all the other '88 campaigns put together. Fair elections is the issue of choice in 1988. (For more information, contact the Lenora B. Fulani Committee for Fair Elections, New England Headquarters, 695 Parker Street, Boston, MA 02120, 617-445-0005.)

Sincerely,
Charles Alsdorf
Providence, RI

How to put PWAs (inside and out) in touch?

Dear GCN:

Your thought about the need of prisoners to be in touch with each other and with outsiders around the issue of AIDS is a good one. I'm not sure exactly how to do it. Some sort of newsletter that circulates only among the participants probably, to protect the privacy of the prisoners especially (from other prisoners who might be reading GCN).

From the little work we've been doing here at Auburn, we have seen that education can make a big dent in the mounting homophobia that is coming with the AIDS scare. Once people's fears about casual contact are eased, they're much less vindictive toward those they perceive as "high risk."

In the society I feel that the Right has boxed the gay and civil liberties groups into a false dichotomy of "public health" (defined as mandatory testing and segregation) *versus* "individual liberties." This allows the media to make it look like we don't care about the spread of the disease. Of course, in reality it was gay groups who raised the public health issues in the first place and began the education campaigns while the Right said, in effect, "let them die."

It seems that whenever we come out against mandatory testing we'll have to link that with a more effective approach to the public health issue.

Keep up the good work.

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How ex-cons can help

Dear GCN:

The prime concern when people get out of prison is to have a place to live and a job to go to so they don't do a lot of crazy things without thinking. A job referral service networked into a lot of the major cities would be a good idea. We won't all be making license plates [a common prison 'industry'] when we get out and we need some help finding where we can work.

As far as places to live, half-way houses don't really work very well from all reports as far as gay people are concerned (often they won't let us in; especially now in the age of AIDS), and some sort of community assistance with temporary housing is needed to let people know that even though a person has been in prison doesn't mean they are career criminals. Many of the prisoners are in for 'crimes of passion' or one-shot deals. Prolonged incarceration does nothing for either us or the society we are going to return to.

I often have nightmares of how it will be to even enter a grocery store or drive a car once again. It's been such a long time that the government (prison) has made all my decisions "for me" that it is frightening to think of being a responsible citizen once again. Most prisoners are just thrown back into the mainstream of things with very little if any help to get started again. Many return to prison because of this lack of support, and the bad rep the society places on 'ex-cons'.

Even a switchboard that would have some information or let us "vent" our feelings sometimes would be helpful.

Thank you again for all the wonderful moments you've shared with me through your paper. You make me feel that there is still some hope for humanity in the respect that folks are still fighting for their rights and not just laying down and taking it.

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Warfare

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to human sex organs — cunt, asshole and cock. Both herpes and hepatitis have been classified as STDs. These are both essentially families of viruses, whose impact only occasionally touches on the genitals or their functioning. The most common herpes infections are chicken pox and cold sores. The classification of hepatitis B as a venereal disease is dismissed by a London doctor:

All the evidence points to hepatitis B having been a highly successful parasite of human beings for millennia. Blood is the only vehicle for transmitting hepatitis B virus, and chance abrasions of skin or mucosa is the sole portal of entry. Until recently, hepatitis B appears to have been unique as a pathogenic organism of human beings using this mode of transmission. Failure to comprehend the mechanisms of its transmission led to the flawed hypothesis that hepatitis B is a venereal disease. The same mistakes continue to be made of AIDS.

A major part of the AIDS psychological warfare has been to define AIDS as a venereal or sexually transmitted disease. Neither the origin nor the method of transmission of this disease is as clearly established as the dogmatic preachers would like. Nonetheless a major effort has been made to establish AIDS as a sexual (specifically a homosexual) disease. All previous VD's have been shared, if not equally as least commonly by both homosexuals and heterosexuals. Against the evidence, AIDS has been portrayed as a homosexual disease; in fact it is not even primarily a sexual disease at all. Recent surveys suggest that AIDS has spread through gay men who were fucked in the ass without condoms. But a major group of people with AIDS have developed the disease through intravenous needle use, an activity not ordinarily classified as a sex act. In Africa there is little if any evidence that AIDS has been sexually transmitted. Quite the contrary, the notion that AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease has led to some wild theories about sexual intercourse with green monkeys.

As part of the psychological warfare against sexual liberation, the bodies of all homosexuals have been condemned and the disease has been interpreted even by homosexuals as a judgment against our sexual liberation. We have been taught to look upon our bodies (particularly our assholes) as sewers in need of constant prophylaxis. Instead of being given statistics about the precipitous decline in anal gonorrhea rates, which show how extraordinary the gay response to the disease has been, we are constantly barraged with images of our worthlessness. Instead of celebrating the boom in condoms, sick psychologists remind us how often the rubbers can fail (3 percent).

The medical profession is dominated by heterosexual male doctors, whose phantasies have been played out on the bodies of both women and homosexual men. And many of the so-called medical sciences actually function to alleviate medical fears of the male doctors. Gay men might study carefully the categorization and discussions among doctors of women's health problems. For most of history and in most parts of the world today, the greatest health threat a woman can face is pregnancy (even today about 1 in 10,000 births ends in the mother's death). Yet few doctors have denounced heterosexuality as a great risk and danger to society.

Cancer is more analogous to AIDS than is pregnancy, and the medical interpretation of cancer demonstrates even more clearly the hospital-drug-medic complex and its link to male, heterosexist supremacy. There is no relationship between the incidence of breast and uterine cancer and the amount of publicity such cancer has received compared to other cancers, particularly that exclusively male concern, prostate cancer. "Pap smear" is almost a household term and women are encouraged to regularly examine their breasts for lumps; but there is virtually no publicity for the prostate, although there are simple screening tests available. Heterosexual men so dominate the profession that their viewpoint dominates conceptualization of cancer. In the doctor's pornographic gaze, women are seen as deformed bodies; men's assholes are just too delicate to enter. In 1986, 60,000 people died of large intestine/colon/rectal cancer, while 39,900 women (and 300 men) died of breast cancer;

26,100 men died of prostate cancer. Doctors don't like to think of themselves as possible patients, but they delight in thinking of homosexuals and women as deformed.

Women, in confronting breast, anal and uterine cancer and gay men in confronting AIDS face a very delicate struggle. We cannot ignore dangers; we often must work with their tests. But we have always to bear in mind that the medical profession delights in our diseases; our distress is their business.

Chemical warfare

Psychological warfare has accompanied the medical/biological warfare; however, disease-linked chemicals and their use by the United States government merit closer study in regard to AIDS. In 1972, the United States signed the Biological Weapons Convention, which banned the use of germ warfare. Chemical warfare has never been banned. During World War II, the army research labs (both among the Allies and among the Nazis) experimented with a whole arsenal of what has been called "a higher form of killing." Because of their links with AIDS, the substances dioxin, poppers and penicillin can be examined as possible ties to the government's and industry's chemical warfare against us.

The effects of AIDS and of dioxin — a plant killer used against Vietnam — are similar and deserve examination. The U.S. government and chemical companies have certified that Agent Orange (with its dioxin component and relatives) is harmless—an excellent example of the manifest dishonesty and unreliability of such witnesses. The International Symposium on Herbicides and Defoliants in War (Ho Chi Minh City, January 1983) found dioxin toxicity includes: "1. chronic hepatitis; 2. disturbances in immune function; 3. disturbances in lipid and prophyryn metabolism; and 4. neurological abnormalities associated with a toxic neurasthenic syndrome." Independent studies of Agent Orange are discouraged in the United States. The ill effects of dioxin have been felt by chemical company workers, veterans and Vietnamese — groups which contain a relatively small number of people with AIDS — but the similarity of symptoms if properly explored would surely reveal more about the immune system.

Another chemical, amyl nitrite (or "poppers") has been connected with AIDS. Amyl nitrite was once sold over the counter in glass ampules which when broken released a gas for inhaling; the amyl nitrite almost instantly enters the blood stream and (in a "rush") dilates or opens the blood vessels. The infusion of oxygen to the brain, cock, asshole, throat and skin enhances sexual sensation. Poppers were first prescribed for heart patients, whose capillaries could be dilated in order to distribute the life-giving oxygen. When the government discovered that homosexuals were using poppers for pleasure, amyl nitrite became available only by prescription in this country. Entrepreneurs quickly substituted isobutyl nitrite, more commonly available in bottles, which were sold as room deodorizers. Nitrites (used in bacon, lunchmeat, hotdogs and elsewhere) have long been suspected of causing cancer, but because the food industry uses so many nitrites there has been virtually no research on the role of nitrites in AIDS.

Just from the viewpoint of basic science, the disproportionate appearance of Kaposi's Sarcoma among gay men who have used poppers deserves more examination. John Lauritsen and Hank Wilson, *Death Rush: Poppers and AIDS: With Annotated Bibliography* (1986) present the available evidence.

Another environmental hazard, misuse of antibiotics, may have implications for the study of AIDS and can be classified as part of chemical warfare. Penicillin, an antibiotic substance discovered in 1929, was used by the military during World War II to control gonorrhea and syphilis. Some suspect that both the Allies and the Nazis attempted to spread the diseases among the troops of the other's armies; certainly the United States rushed the penicillin treatment as a defense measure. After the war, treatment was extended to civilian patients. Antibiotics have subsequently been prescribed extensively and they have been synthesized and chemically engineered to be more potent. Overuse of antibiotics has resulted in the evolution of strains of bacteria which are themselves immune to the attacks of penicillin.

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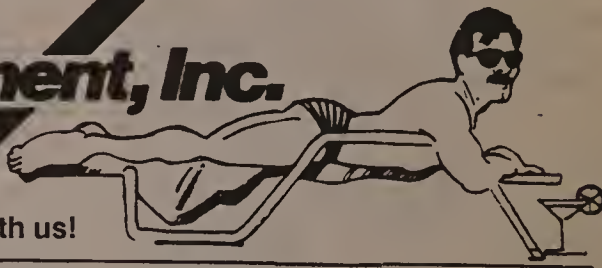
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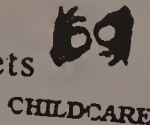
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Sammy and Rosie Get Laid *mixes strife,
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By Elizabeth Pincus

In a cloyingly cathartic moment of *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, three mixed-race, mixed-gender couples copulate on a horizontally split screen. A barrage of quick-cut clips of funky street musicians leads to this pique of randy abandonment. It's deft comic relief — all this wet affection

film

and gritty prancing — and a tribute to director Stephen Frears' spirit of fair play and politics that all the main characters get to get laid. Also laying each other are lesbian lovers, one Black and one Pakistani, who, though peripheral characters, occupy a presence in the film as matter-of-factly as the gay male lovers in Frears' *My Beautiful Laundrette*. The lesbians, however, do not share center stage with the heterosexuals in the film's grand opera bouffe of quasi-communal coming. Instead they represent the political heavies — a pair who tow a radical line while all around them waffle, rationalize and fret over class, race and gender struggles in early '80s Thatcher London.

Frears and screenwriter Hanif Kureishi clearly revel in the muck of complicated lives; still their concerns are an overwhelmingly welcome change from the stuff of mainstream filmmaking. They present us with characters who may at times embody too much hipness, but at least live with passion and believable inconsistencies. The movie is so plot-intensive that it almost dissolves to plotlessness, with an unfocused tumultuousness that matches the turmoil-ridden Brixton race riots sparking the film's main action. From the opening panorama shot of a grayish, rubble-strewn vacant lot to the fiery riot scenes peopled with punks of all hues, the London of *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* defies all stereotypes of England's well-manicured and haughty colonial legacy. As Sammy says, in describing his and Rosie's affection for urban chaos, "Neither of us is British, we're Londoners, see."

Sammy (Ayub Khan Din) and Rosie (Frances Barber) are married and believe in "freedom plus commitment." They also consider themselves among the "usual social deviants," which seems hard to swallow; though politically liberal, taking extra-marital lovers is their most revolutionary act. Into their home comes Sammy's father Rafi (Shashi Kapoor), a conservative former government official fleeing death threats in his native Pakistan. During the film he is revealed as a perpetrator of repression and heinous political torture. Sammy and Rosie must decide how to deal with him, while also coping with increased neighborhood unrest following the senseless murder of a Black woman at the hands of white male cops.

The characters' love lives further muddy their political allegiances. Rafi seduces a genteel British woman who offers him Earl Grey tea and sympathy, but wants more emotional sustenance than he will return. Sammy's lover is a young fluffy New York photographer, a misogynistically-drawn lightweight dilettante eager to snap pics of rough and tumble street life. Rosie takes up with the film's most compelling character, Danny, played by Roland Gift of the band Fine Young Cannibals. He is a puckish, sexy

waif who unaccountably befriends Rafi before bedding down with Rosie.

Danny, also a friend of the murdered Black woman, remains puzzlingly unruffled throughout. In one scene, Danny, who sometimes goes by the name Victoria, sports a frilly straw hat. He comes teasingly close to a gay male sensibility, but *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* never strays from its heterosexual core. And though the filmmakers aggressively include feminist concerns, they don't get beyond presenting women and men as didactic antagonists. Male characters speak of "cunty fingers," describe women as too emotional and slur lesbians as "pricks," among other epithets. The women say things such as, during a self-help group practicing condom use on carrots, "Carrots are more attentive than ding-dongs." It's a wonder any of these spiteful heterosexuals want to lay each other at all.

But they do, and if it sounds messy, it is a lovely, jaunty mess at that. Says Rosie, "I don't want deadness or order, I want a little passion." Echoes Rafi, "I am calm, it's agitation I seek." Another current film release about anarchy in the U.K., *Eat the Rich*, is a gluttonous romp of good guys versus bad. In *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, sympathies are refreshingly harder to discern. Supposed bad guy Rafi is quirky and engaging; supposed good guy Sammy merely annoys with lethargic boorishness. Even well-meaning Rosie is sometimes too angelic to stomach, not helped by the lilting, saccharine music that accompanies much of her screen presence. Finally, the film's argumentative characters unite in sorrow when a group of squatters is bulldozed from their land by money-hungry developers. Sammy and Rosie, however, still hedge in their dealings with Rafi. In a disappointing ending, the decision is taken from them, their lovers disperse, and they are left tearfully joined — troubled maybe, but a hetero duo *uber alles*.

Early in the film, Sammy wonders if his conception resulted from a premature ejaculation. Perhaps Frears and Kureishi were similarly over-eager in their filmmaking. In a telling scene of macho overkill, Sammy snorts coke, wolfs a Big Mac, devours a porn mag and jives to Walkman tunes. Such potency is not necessarily unwelcome; *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid* remains one of the most worthwhile celluloid views in town. But watch it alertly and, like the characters, seek provocation, not calm. □



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Greek civilization is justly famed for its intellectual and artistic achievements. What is less recognized is the genesis of those accomplishments in pederasty. Cretans institutionalized it not only for martial training but also to curb the population explosion; Spartans borrowed it just before 600 B.C., then Ionians adapted it as an educational structure. In Athens and eventually the other Greek cities, every elite youth was expected to adopt a pubescent boy as a beloved and student. It was this intense one-to-one relationship, molding character and intellect, that caused the Greek miracle.

One might expect that such a legacy would lead modern gay people to find inspiration in Classical homosexuality. Rather, the failure of heterosexual and gay scholars alike to recognize the pederastic system as intimately tied to Classical advances has led to false conclusions about both pederasty and the nature of male homosexuality itself. Such prominent gay historians as Boswell and Foucault — who espoused diametrically opposed views of homosexuality — believed that Christian intolerance of gay people was an inheritance from later Greek and Roman philosophers. In reality, such intolerance was a radical rejection of Classical thought. This article reviews the development of male homosexuality from the Homeric period to modern times, as well as the principal related scholarly works, particularly those in French.

Nineteenth century German theorists located the origin of Greek pederasty before 1200 B.C. among illiterate warriors who, as young men, each initiated a boy into

homosexuality, society and warfare, but who at thirty virtually all married. Theorists advancing this view have used pederastic evidence from primitive societies, most recently New Guinea, to support their hypotheses about Greek homosexuality. But Linear B tablets and all other literature from Homer to Hesiod to Archilochus (c. 650), as well as art, show no trace of institutionalized pederasty. It was not the Dorians but the Greeks of the Classical period who institutionalized pederasty. And it was the Christians, opposed to reason as well as to nature, who ended what was left of it after the calamities of the mid-third century destroyed the basis of Classical civilization.

Homeric and Classical

Neither written nor pictorial sources describe pederasty before the mid-seventh century B.C., as meticulously proved by Sir Kenneth Dover in *Greek Homosexuality* (Cambridge, Mass., 1978, 244 pp), yet both volumes by Bernard Sergent (*Homosexuality in Greek Myth*, Paris 1984, Arthur Goldhammer, tr., Boston, 1986, 344 pp, and *L'homosexualité initiatique dans l'Europe ancienne*, Paris 1987, 297 pp) ignore the facts. The first, trying to defend the nineteenth century Germanic interpretation that it was an immemorial Dorian institution, is the least objectionable, but fails to support his claim. The second work imaginatively postulates a relationship between New Guinean and other primitive societies in which warriors injected boys in the anus with their sperm to make them grow physically or become brave, and Greek and Indo-European initiatory rites of pederasty.

All the evidence points to the institutionalization of pederasty by Cretans by the seventh century B.C. in conjunction with the seclusion of women, common messes for warriors, nudity in the gymnasium, and late marriages as a population control mechanism for nobles. During or just after the greatest crisis of the Second Messenian War (635-615), Sparta, (then at the apogee of its prestige), and soon after Calchis and the other advanced city-states including Athens under Solon, adopted the pederastic system. It spread to outlying areas such as Macedonia over the next two centuries. It takes tricks of the trade known only to anthropologists, such as the now-repudiated racist theory of uniqueness and overriding importance of "the Dorian race," to deduce that the Dorians unconsciously institu-

tionalized pederasty before 1200.

Even less did Aryan or other warrior societies have twenty-year-old warriors training twelve-year-olds with whom they had sexual relations more often than not. Greeks institutionalized pederasty during a sevenfold population explosion as almost all ancient authors tell us, at least indirectly, by saying that pederasty or a related institution appeared late or was established by law given such as Lycurgus or Solon, who visited Crete or had Cretan advisors: Tyrtaios, Solon, Herodotus, Thucydides, Platon, Aristotle, Euphoras, Timaeus, Plutarch. Even the skeptic physician Sextus Empiricus (200 A.D.) believed the Minoans of Crete, not the Dorians, institutionalized pederasty. Graffiti, vase paintings, reliefs, erotic vases and other nonliterary evidence also began around 600 B.C..

The most solid book on Greek pederasty is unoriginal. An emeritus priest at a seminary in Toulouse, where he was first appointed in 1940, Felix Buffiere in his masterpiece *Eros adolescent: La pederastie dans la Grèce antique* (Paris 1980, 703 pp) systematically collected all sources, integrating modern with ancient theories, doubled the size, completed and updated Poge-Castries' *Histoire de l'amour grec dans l'antique*, (Paris 1930, 315 pp), which itself expanded and modernized the 1911 classic German encyclopedia article by M.H.E. Meier (a believer in Dorian origin). The latter had provided the basis of John Addington Symonds' dated but eloquent *A Problem in Greek Ethics* (1887, 73 pp). Buffiere's judicious tome deserves translation more than the wild speculations of those in the establishment being published by prestigious houses. One of the few who have appreciated Buffiere is Wayne Dyer's *Homosexuality, A Research Guide* (New York and London 1987, 853 pp), far the best bibliography ever on gay studies, with insightful annotations as well as complete coverage except for literature.

Hellenistic and Roman

The Hellenistic elite corrupted the Classical model and avant-garde Roman aristocrats, who married off their boys to their mid-teens (rather than around thirty as the Greeks did), superficially copied it in "Homosexuality in Ancient Rome" in *Western Sexuality: Practice and Precept in Past and Present Times* (eds. Philippe Aries and Andre Bejin, Paris 1982, tr. Anthony

Greek Pederasty



By William A. Percy

In Athens and eventually the other Greek cities, every elite youth was expected to adopt a pubescent boy as a beloved and student. This one-to-one relationship, molding character and intellect, lies at the heart of the intellectual and artistic achievements of Classical Greece.

Foster, Basil Blackwell, 1985, 220 pp) Paul Veyne completely missed the point by asserting "there is no difference between Greek and Latin writers, and that the love that tends to be called Greek might equally be called Roman." While Romans normally sodomized slaves, other "inferiors" and sometimes their 12-year-old brides, the Greeks conceived love as ennobling. Elders inspired and instructed boys of free birth to become heroic and educated citizens. Greeks created an honorable and public relationship to form the ideal Spartan hoplite warrior central to the pedagogy that made the Ionians and Athenians among the most intellectually and artistically creative of peoples, demonstrated by H.I. Marrou (*A History of Education in Antiquity*, Paris 1948, George Lamb, tr., Madison 1956, 466 pp) among others.

In Rome, conservatives always upheld the *mos majorum* and condemned homosexuality of every sort as a corrupting Greek importation with no redeeming features for training warriors or scholars, while the law punished the seduction of free boys. That "Rome did not have to wait for hellenization to allow various forms of love between males" is hardly proved by Plautus, whom Veyne cited as predating the craze for things Greek, but who copied most of his plays from the Attic New Comedy, substituting male slaves for women as the objects of lust.

The Romans, like the Greeks, did relegate passive partners in fellatio to an even lower role than in sodomy. Aries noted that St. Paul's condemnation of both effeminacy and of men who lie with one another made the Christian position unequivocal (whatever Jesus had said) before Stoics from Seneca on, upon whom Michel Foucault and John Boswell blamed Christian homophobia. They failed to appreciate the persistent Jewish condemnation from at least the eighth century in *Leviticus*, if not in *Genesis*. Paul's "it is a good thing for a man to have nothing to do with a woman" contradicts the Old Testament's injunctions to reproduce.

Foucault, brought to the Sorbonne because of the student uprising of 1968, composed so many brilliant analyses that many believed him a genius, but turned to the study of sex late in life and only completed three volumes, all translated by Robert Hurley. The fourth, left in somewhat rough form, may yet be revised by some of his students; a chapter of it,

"The Battle for Chastity," has appeared in the volume by Aries and Bejin. Meanwhile a disciple, Aline Rousselle, *Porneia: De la maitrise du corps a la privation sensorielle, Ile-IVe siecles de l'ere chretienne* (Paris 1983, 254 pp), competently covered the early Christian attitudes, as they interacted with medical and legal ideas, as Foucault intended to do. A specialist in Classics, she realized better than her mentor that medical, like philosophical, opinion had never been unanimous and that pederasts remained active even after the Christian triumph.

Foucault was basically an early modern historian like so many of the *Annalistes* (an elite school of French social historians.) He theorized in the first of three volumes, *The History of Sexuality* (Paris 1976, New York 1980, 168 pp.), that the true homosexual—inverted, persecuted, haunted—did not appear until the stereotype was developed by nineteenth century physicians and psychiatrists or their seventeenth- or eighteenth- century predecessors who supervised (he thought, for the first time carefully) royal and nobles' children. Thus with Phillippe Aries' *Centuries of Childhood* (Paris 1960, tr. Robert Baldick, New York 1962, 447 pp), Foucault invented constructivism.

Shortly afterwards, John Boswell's *Christianity: Social Tolerance and Homosexuality* (1980) argued that the Church had first in the 1200s condemned gay people more than adulterers and fornicators. He erroneously denied that earlier homophobes such as Clement of Alexandria, John Chrysostom, and Augustine were mainstream and he ignored the fundamental importance of imperial laws and homophobic canons as early as the Council of Elvira in 306. Boswell also reiterated Derrick S. Bailey's (*Homosexuality in the Western Christian Tradition*, London 1955) misinterpretation that Yahweh punished Sodom and Gomorrah for inhospitality rather than homosexuality, claiming that the verb *yadha*, "to know," meant to become acquainted with instead of to have intercourse with, i.e., to know in the Biblical sense. They should have acknowledged that overwhelmingly throughout the Old Testament and even in the same chapter of *Genesis* it was used in the sexual sense about the men of Sodom, who demanded "to know" the handsome young male angels God had sent to warn Lot to flee the doomed city. Lot offered his daughters instead who had not "known men." "To

know" was used in a similar sense in the outrage at Gibeah in *Judges*.

The essentialist Boswell, who espouses a psychologically- or biologically-based homosexual orientation characterizing ten percent of humanity throughout time, dubbed constructivists "Nominalists" after a school of medieval theologians who confused labels with realities (in "Towards the Long View: Revolutions, Universals and Sexual Categories," *Salmagundi*, 1982-83, pp 89-113). Realizing that gays did exist in the Middle Ages, Foucault abandoned constructivism in favor of essentialism. In *The Use of Pleasure* (Paris 1984, New York 1985) on the Hellenistic Age and *The Care of the Self* (Paris 1984, New York 1986) on the first two centuries of the Roman Empire, he argued that beginning with Socrates, Greek and Roman — particularly Stoic — philosophers increasingly criticized and finally condemned pederasty as "against nature" along with all other pre- or extra-marital sexuality. Even within marriage they restricted sex to procreation, a position later adopted by Christians. Following earlier Christian emperors, Justinian condemned sodomites to the flames "because they caused earthquakes, famines and plagues" from all of which his realm was suffering — with a fanaticism quite unknown to Stoics or Classical doctors — most of whom merely thought too much sex of any type fatigued the body or distracted the soul.

Few, even in the upper class, read, much less heeded the obscure and difficult philosophers or physicians Foucault cited: their influence was much less widespread than he or Boswell implied. Not opposed to sex as such any more than mainstream Jews were, pagan sages wanted to limit excessive sex because they believed it weakened the body and mind. Christians, from Clement of Alexandria, adopted the very words as well as the concepts of Plato and the Roman Stoic, Musonius Rufus, to support a very different analysis. Like Jesus and St. Paul, they thought sex the snare of the devil. Chastity was their ideal: even Christian marriage, with sex limited to procreation was only for those too weak to abstain totally. This Gnostic, Manichean extremism, overturning nature rather than Stoically conforming to it, did not grow out of Greek or Roman asceticism, nor did it stem from the Old Testament or Rabbinic Judaism, both of which enjoined: "Multiply and be

fruitful." Inspired by religions such as those of Isis and Mithra and fringe groups such as the Essenes, Christians — at first recruited almost exclusively from the urban lower classes — radically rejected both those rational traditions. *Credo ut absurdum*, "I believe, because it is absurd," argued Tertullian, the greatest African Father before Augustine. Christianity could hardly have evolved from Classicism.

A History of Private Life From Pagan Rome to Byzantium, ed. Paul Veyne (Belknap Press 1987, 670 pp), is dedicated to Foucault, with a forward by the distinguished medievalist Georges Duby, with a few, quite inadequate footnotes. Veyne, of the Sorbonne, wrote "The Roman Empire," with incorrect generalizations such as "Life in a city in the Latin West in the second century B.C. was identical to life in a city in the eastern half of the Empire" (p. 2). Peter Brown of Princeton, the only non-French author, and the best of the essayists, wrote "Late Antiquity," devoting the most attention to homosexuality. Veyne ignored evidence that upper-class Greek males married 15-year-olds at 30, while Romans as early as 15 married 12- or 13-year-old brides. Jews, Arabs and Berbers practiced polygamy while Copts and Arameans maintained their cultures and ethics. The facts have been more accurately portrayed by, among others, Robin Lane Fox (*Pagans and Christians*, New York 1987, 799 pp), who stressed the continuity of paganism in the empire so diverse in languages, lifestyles, customs and religions. This diversity is best treated by the numerous and precise works of Ramsay Mac Mullen of Yale, of which *Enemies of the Roman Order: Treason, Unrest, and Alienation in the Empire* (Cambridge, Mass. 1966, 370 pp) is perhaps the best known, although his article "Roman Attitudes to Greek Love" (*Historia* 1982, 31, 484-502) is the more important for our purposes. Veyne hypocritically left out virtually all mention of pederasty.

Brown's "Any shame that might be attached to a homosexual relationship resided solely in the moral castigation that might cause a man of the upper class to submit himself, either physically (by a passive position in lovemaking) or morally, to an inferior of either sex," likewise fail to recognize diversity of opinion and of

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 customs, particularly the endurance of old-fashioned Roman homophobia. At his best, Brown writes, "The surprisingly rapid democratization of the philosopher's upper-class counterculture by the leaders of the Christian Church is the most profound single revolution of the late Classical period." Here he contradicts the evolutionary theories of Foucault, Veyne, and Boswell by stressing the origins of Christianity among the outcast Essenes and the consequent tight bonding and constant search for sexual lapses as signs of lack of total commitment among members of a once-oppressed group. Later, however, he backslides from "revolution" with "Yet in moral matters the Christian leaders made almost no innovations....[Their] basic moral attitudes differed from those of their pagan and Jewish neighbors only in the urgency with which such attitudes were adopted and put into practice." "Christians tended to make their exceptional sexual discipline bear the full burden of expressing the differences between themselves and the pagan world" is on target.

Yvon Thebert's essay in *Private Life* "Private Life and Domestic Architecture in Roman Africa," is too technically archaeological for this coffee-table book and with almost nothing on sex. Michel Rouché's diffuse "The Early Middle Ages in the West," contradicts Boswell's claim that the Church didn't single out gays for persecution before 1200. Especially after the ninth century it ranked in order of seriousness bestiality, often linked to sodomy, first, followed by oral sex, incest in the broad sense, divorce, and indeed all forms of marital separation. Evelyne Patlagean "Byzantium in the Tenth and Eleventh Centuries," lacks adequate documentation but is strong on women.

Patristic and Medieval

In 1980, a seminar at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes (School of Higher Studies) resulted in the Aries/Bejin *Western Sexuality* volume. Aries believed the concept of adolescence evolved historically, much as Foucault argued in *History and Sexuality, Volume I* that "homosexuality" evolved between 1700 and 1900, created as a type of obsession by the psychoanalysts. "Constructivists" pushed their concepts in this book against the essentialists, who contend that merely the terms were coined in modern times and that homosexuals not basically different from the modern type existed in much the same proportion as today in all times and places. Because not one Roman emperor was exclusively homosexual and few upper-class Greeks who routinely practiced pederasty from 12 to about 30 failed to marry or at least have sex with women, the exclusive homosexual as any sizable proportion of the upper-class population did not exist in family- and civic-minded Greece and Rome.

Among slaves, who may have made up one third of the population but could not legally marry in Rome before the third century A.D., exclusive homosexuals were doubtless more common but hard as in Greece to document. This same may be said of lower-class males who were under less compulsion to marry. Among medieval knights and squires — as earlier among monks and other clerics, including students — exclusive homosexuals became common and developed sub-cultures, especially in larger cities. Henry VIII's statute of 1533, however, assumed that often those hanged for sodomy would have children whose right to inherit should be protected, in contrast to the rights of heirs of other felons.

Rightly describing "the much vaunted nuclear family" as the exception rather than the rule in history, the English biologist Robin Fox failed to prove in her essay in *Western Sexuality*, "The Conditions of Sexual Evolution," the assertion that the older the men and the younger the women at time of marriage the more likely the society is to be polygamous. Thirteenth-century Europe, where men did not marry until their late twenties — but still chose brides in their late teens — instead consigned the unmarried women to nunneries or had them spin (spinsters) for a living. In classical Greece, where the men married even later (around 30) and the women (outside Sparta) even earlier at 15, there would have been far more 15-year-old than 30-year-old women, had not far more female than male infants been exposed to the mercies of the elements, beasts or the mercies of passers-by.

Foucault's "Battle for Chastity" in the same volume cited John Cassian (c. 400) who introduced to Western Europe austere Syrian monasticism inspired by the hermits of the desert—to show that monks had to worry more about thoughts of seducing women than about actually doing so. Women were rarely allowed in the cloister or monks outside it. In his monastic rules, some decades before Cassian, Basil had prescribed lit candles in dormitories all night to reduce homosexual opportunities. Thus, in well-regulated monasteries among conscientious brothers, thoughts and wet dreams became a graver danger than the bodies of women or even of well-protected novices. This deprivation, along with the attempts to control not only their outlets but even their appetites and dreams, created, I believe, the first guilt-ridden homosexual.

Aries compared the "histories of the two myths — youth or adolescence and homosexuality," each having evolved historically: "We have to admit that the homosexual of the Middle Ages and the ancient regime was a pervert. By the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century he had become a monster, a freak." Repression continued: "Take, for instance, the following quote from Barbier's *Journal*, dated 6 July 1750: 'Today Monday the 6th, two workmen were publicly burnt at the stake in the Place de la Greve at 5 o'clock in the evening. They were a young carpenter and a pork butcher, aged eighteen and twenty-five, who the watch had caught in the act of committing sodomy.'"

Jean-Louis Flandrin's "Sex in Married Life in the Early Middle Ages," again in *Western Sexuality*, described a Christian tenet, "We must eat to live, but we must not enjoy the pleasures of the table too much. We are obliged to embrace the opposite sex in order to produce children, but we should not get too fond of the pleasures of sex." Paul enjoined husband and wife to mutual reciprocal fidelity, whereas the Greeks, Romans, and Jews had claimed that the wife belonged to the husband exclusively but not vice-versa. "Because there is so much immorality, let each man have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband shall give the wife what is due to her and the wife must equally give the husband his due. The wife cannot claim her body as her own; it is her husband's. Equally the husband cannot claim his body as his own; it is his wife's" (Cor. 7, 2-4). St. Jerome went on to warn: "A man who is too passionately in love with his wife is an adulterer. . . . Nothing is so vile as to love one's wife as if she were a mistress. . . ." (This attitude persisted throughout the Middle Ages to appear in Montaigne.)

Flandrin went on to claim, with little corroboration from the historical record, that "equality between men and women in sexual behavior was a Christian invention" at variance with traditional Western ideas. He might have added that except perhaps for Judaism and Zoroastrianism, no other religion so completely condemned homosexuality. Whatever philosophers and doctors from Socrates on had said about sexual restraint and decorum, none had ever condemned homosexuality with such finality and lack of equivocation as Paul and many of the leading Fathers.

Modern

Modern scholars from France and elsewhere have downplayed the deliberate revival of classical pederasty during the Renaissance and Baroque Age. They have also failed to see how much Michelangelo and Caravaggio contributed to the rebirth of humanism and nude art, instead over-emphasizing the influence of Reformation, capitalism, and nationalism on homosexuality. Aries' "Love in Married Life" (*Western Sexuality*) demonstrates that after 1700, before which time passionate love had been restricted to mistresses or boys, "society began to reconcile the two traditionally opposed kinds of love . . . requiring husband and wife to love each other (or to appear to) like real lovers." In "The Indissoluble Marriage," (same volume) he continued, "The outstanding fact in the history of Western sexual behavior is the persistence, over many centuries, right up to the present day, of the pattern of marriage as a binding tie, monogamous and indissoluble."

Romans, however, like the Germans and feudal classes until the twelfth century, regularly repudiated wives and maintained concubines and mistresses. All other religions (except, since Rabbi Rashi in the eleventh century, Jews under Christian in-

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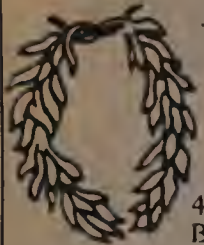
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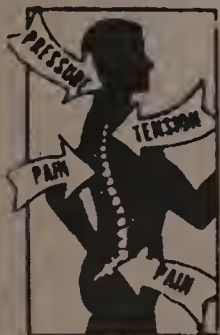


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fluence), including Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and animists, practice polygamy and/or concubinage. Citing G. Duby's *Medieval Marriage* (Baltimore, 1978), his *Le Chevalier, la femme et le pretre* (Paris, 1981), and P. Tolbert's *La Theorie du mariage chez les moralistes carolingiens* (Spoleto, 1976 and 1977), Aries showed how St. Bernard quashed Catholic opponents. "To attack marriage is to open the door to concubines, incest, masturbation and male homosexuality." Gradually seizing control of marriages, until the thirteenth century basically a family affair, the Church made matrimony indissoluble, approving moderate conjugal passion.

Michael Pollak's "Male homosexuality — or happiness in the ghetto" (*Western Sexuality*) seems dated: "The result of this [the Masters and Johnson approach] is to eliminate the stigmas which earlier classifications had attached to certain sexual practices. In its initial stage, which is where we are today, this change . . . tends to diminish the violent enmity between heterosexuals and homosexuals." Jacques Rossiand's "Prostitution, Sex and Society in French Towns in the Fifteenth Century" (same volume) describes the widespread use of large municipally owned town houses as well as numerous bath houses and private bordellos by female whores. "Almost everywhere there were increasing swarms of prostitutes" that began after 1500 to diminish while the public and private houses were suppressed by the puritanism of the Reformations of the 1530s. Rossiand failed to note that whoring was also curtailed by the syphilis epidemic.

On the other hand, Achillo Olivieri, in "Eroticism and Social Groups in Venice," (same volume) claimed that between 1530 and 1580, society delegated "to the prostitute and the courtesan the knowledge and the creation of the erotic arts. . . . Civilita putanesca is connected with the Church's encouragement of prostitution after the thirteenth century so as to combat sodomy. . . . Sodomy (however) also gained a significant role. . . ." A Venetian will left everything "to the most illustrious Nocolo Barbarigo, my greatest friend, a friend unequalled by any that I have read of in history; a friend who has been more to me than human intelligence can imagine. . . . I . . . charge him to consign my body to the same grave in which his is to be interred..." echoing Patroclus. And Angeline Grecan noted that, despite prevailing feminine modesty, "Two Englishwomen in the Seventh Century (same volume) could express their lust for men.

In Bejin's essay "The Extra-Marital Union Today," unwed juveniles try to combine the best of two heretofore contradictory states: free love and matrimony. "This similarity between the homosexual couple and the young cohabitating couple is perhaps symptomatic of a deeper yearning... (an aspiration) to an 'egalitarian' relationship with their partners of the opposite sex." According to Hubert Lafont, in "Changing Sexual Behavior of Youth Gangs," gang life, by its very essence, bred homosexual feelings, but its very intolerance of them caused it to move from jokes for private consumption to a public exhibition of insulting and aggressive behavior." In contrast to traditional street gangs, those of the '60s sharply distinguished themselves only from elders, commingling in streets as early as 12 or 13 in unisex dress and even indulging in one-to-one sex which the all-masculine environment of the older gangs inhibited. Homosexuality became accepted, poor youths with earrings instead of tattoos going for money rather than gay bashing.

In "The Decline of the Psycho-analyst and the Rise of the Sexologist," Bejin dated the rise of modern sexuality between 1922 (Wilhelm Reich's discovery of "the true character of orgasmic power") and 1948 (Kinsey's *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*). Dysfunction replaced deviance or perversion as the center of concern, thus dooming the psychoanalysts, "who have given up pretending to believe that they expect to cure their patients." Masturbation and homosexuality that result in gratifying orgasm become good. Bejin's "The influence of Sexologists and Sexual Democracy" describes sexual health as satisfying orgasm and "therefore an essential component of 'happiness,' " women now being entitled to orgasm, too. Its lack becomes worse than sterility. "Orgasms with partners of the same sex are no less legitimate than those with the opposite sex. . . . as 'normality' now

means regarding one's body as a property of which one can 'dispose freely' What were formerly called 'perversions' are now viewed as 'variations' indulged in by 'minorities,' of whom one should be tolerant...." Tell it to the Holy Office and the Southern Baptists!

More survives from Sappho than from the eight or ten other known Greek or Latin women poets. But there is too little evidence, perhaps one example of lesbianism for every hundred of male pederasty (less than one line in a million from female authors), to support comparable analysis of lesbianism in Greece and Rome. Sarah Pomeroy's *Godesses, Whores, Wives and Slaves* (New York 1975, 265 pp.), a slim but provocative volume, denies that a comprehensive history of Greek and Roman women exists in English. Nor is there one in any other language, an extreme handicap for gay studies, inextricably linked as they are to women's studies. There is, however, no doubt that women suffered a growing repression (with upper class women virtually confined to their homes), especially in Athens. "It is a great blot on Athenian civilization that the position of women had retrograded since the days of Homer," wrote T. G. Tucker in *Life in Ancient Athens*, London 1906, pp. 81-82. □

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oppression and discrimination that's really the foundation of what we should be fighting."

Last week during Senate debate, Sen. Royal L. Bolling Sr. (D-Boston), defended the brochure now causing a furor in the House. Bolling said, "The favorite reading material of the heterosexual community is far more explicit than [the AAC brochure], and nobody objects. Most people feel the AIDS epidemic *should* be addressed more explicitly. Gays and lesbians deserve praise for the way they are disseminating information and handling this health crisis." □

Labor Rally

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state and are unlikely to be apprehended. Scoppettuolo and Levin filed a report with the Nashville police about the assault and were told that an arrest was unlikely since a couple of weeks had passed since the incident. They also contacted an attorney in case they chose to file suit against rally organizers.

Although Tom Israel, president of Nashville SEIU Local 205, has been supportive of Scoppettuolo, other labor officials have not been as forthcoming. The UMW has so far been unreceptive to the TGLC, although organizer Freddie Wright (along with Fiser) did pen a letter of apology to the TGLC and Scoppettuolo. According to Scoppettuolo, the assistant to the vice president of the UMW, Marty Hudson, initially spoke sympathetically with him, but has since been evasive. At press time, Hudson has not returned GCN's calls.

Scoppettuolo also spoke with UMW President Richard Trumka, who was unhelpful. Scoppettuolo and Campbell have now called a meeting with Jim Neely, president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO, which is scheduled for Nov. 24. Since the AFL-CIO has a stated policy prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gay men, Scoppettuolo said he especially demands aggressive support from that powerful labor coalition.

Scoppettuolo said that the TGLC has so far avoided media attention in Nashville concerning the assault. "In a right-to-work, anti-labor state like Tennessee," said Scoppettuolo, "we didn't want to give the mainstream media something to beat unions over the head with. I don't want to indemnify the Mine Workers as an organization, but we want to get something done. My chief purpose in labor work is to establish gay-union coalitions.... This was a terrible thing to happen."

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animal feeds," and "Antibiotic feed additives are a \$250 million business." (*Consumer Reports*, March 1985.) Bacteria such as *Salmonella* contain parts of cells called "plasmids" which carry immunity to both penicillin and tetracycline; these super *Salmonella* can pass their plasmids on not only to other *Salmonella* but also to seemingly harmless bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*. *Escherichia coli* (a common asshole bacterium) in turn can pass plasmids on to syphilis or gonorrhea, a bacteria which once armed with new plasmids becomes resistant to antibiotic treatment. Although the FDA proposed to eliminate antibiotic feeding of chickens, pigs and cows, "intense pressure from the drug and livestock industries," according to *Consumer Reports*, has prevented any such ban. Like herbicides, antibiotics remove not only harmful but also beneficial bacteria. How the removal of those bacteria change the environment for viruses has not been studied; nor has the interchange of genetic material in the plasmids with viruses been fully understood. In fact, some think AIDS is a result of inadequately treated syphilis.

There are gaps in our understanding of the links between AIDS and dioxin, poppers and penicillin, but the ecological study of AIDS has been unnecessarily scorned. Dr. Joseph Sonnabend proposes that AIDS is caused by many factors, chief among which he claims is promiscuity. The immune system has supposedly been overloaded in combatting sperm, drugs, cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, herpes, syphilis, gonorrhea, intestinal parasites, and other traumas. However, promiscuity did not begin recently. Moreover, there is no evidence that use of the immune system weakens it; on the contrary, the less exposure you have to traumas the more vulnerable you are. Nonetheless, the overload theory makes more sense when it reviews new elements in the environment. Aspirin, fertilizer, vitamins, artificial sweeteners, preservatives insecticides and other common chemicals have some long-term effects yet to be understood.

Both within and without the gay community too many have accepted the premise that each individual is responsible for having AIDS, except for the celebrated "innocent victims" — hemophiliacs, wives and

children. Such a theory makes those who haven't got the disease more comfortable. (Tests are popular as certifications of innocence.) But such thinking will make AIDS both incomprehensible and incurable.

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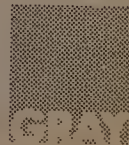
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Alexander Berkman, *Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist*

Prisoner-friends,

Letters are POURING in here in response to my yearly letter to see if everyone is still getting GCN, (Remember: write by Nov. 30!)

AND

I'm going away for a few weeks ... SO, some of your letters and other concerns will be later-than-usual in getting attention.

PLEASE BE PATIENT. (I'm doing my best to keep up!) Later, Mike.

GCN Prisoners!!!

At some point in December, the paper will stop coming to those of you who haven't responded to my letter asking if you're still getting it.

If you haven't seen the letter, maybe they have thrown it away ...

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I would really like to have some support from PWAs on the outside. In here we have not only to defend ourselves for being gay, but now also from the hysteria (among other prisoners!) around AIDS. I'm feeling very abandoned. If you'd like to be penpals, please write. Kyle EDMISTON, 13595, Box 400, Rawlins WY 82301.

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Black bisexual male would like to hear from someone in the free world who has feelings. I seek sincerity. Robert Lee ANDERSON, EF-166918, 4600 Fulton Mill Rd, Macon GA 31213.

I've never told anyone about myself until this ad which I feel I can do because of the 'distance'. None of my friends know. I really need to meet someone I can talk to. I need someone to know about me, talk to me. Outside I'm bold and callous, inside I'm emotional and sensitive. Can you help me find someone. Rick HUNTER, 235064, Box 900, Shelton WA 98584.

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I've been gay since I was a young teenager, but when I came here they looked on me as a punk sissy ('sex slave') instead of a gay man. Luckily some of us gays here stick together and help each other out. However, contact with the outside is slim, so could you put me in for a penpal. My interests include politics, writing, traveling and candle lighting. Send picture if possible. Billy R. GOLLIHUE, 194-968, Box 57, Marion OH 43302.

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Gay Black male looking for a friendship, or maybe even a relationship, with someone very sincere. Kevin CORNER, 82B 917, Box 500, Elmira NY 14902.

Gay man would like to have some penpals with the same feelings and problems I'm facing. AIDS within this prison is forcing us gays to withdraw to ourselves, and be even lonelier than before. I would especially like someone nearby who might visit. I'm somewhat educated, enjoy good music, wine and food. Raymond TANGO, 67261, Lock Bag R, Rahway NJ 07065.

Black male, gay, age 33, sign Libra, would love to correspond with someone. Like music, dance, dinner at home, football and nude male books. Phillip DUNCAN, 87A 7426, Box B, Dannemora NY 12929.

VERY OUT gay male, 30, attractive, seeking correspondence. Let's swap pix and letters soon if you are looking for a sincere gay friend. Robert HICKMAN, 80221-012, Box 34550, Memphis TN 38184.

Wanted: a few friends to help me pass this lonely time away. I can't write other prisoners. Jeff MOSIER, 82616, Tucker AR 72168.

Gay male interested in classical music, Broadway shows, reading NFL football and travel, working on a Psych degree and financially self-sufficient in need of correspondents to keep abreast of what's happening. Wayne STARR, P-7168, Box 99901, Pittsburgh PA 15233

Calendar

21 SATURDAY TO
2 WEDNESDAY

30 Monday ☐ Virginia Rubino and the Boy From Mars perform at the Coffee Kingdom, Worcester. 8pm. Info: 755-8936.

21 Saturday

Boston ☐ **"In Defense of Sacred Lands."** Exhibition and auction to benefit the Boston Big Mountain Support Group, helping to defend the rights of Hopi and Navajo peoples to their ancestral lands. Marcus Gallery, 210 South St. Public reception 5-7pm. Art auction December 3. For info on associated events: 262-4445.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbian rap:** Holiday discussion on "How we celebrate." The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7-10pm. Info: 354-8807.

Boston ☐ **"Who's Not Making it in Massachusetts?"** Workshops critical of the "economic miracle." UMASS Downtown campus, Student Lounge. 10:00am-2:30pm, registration at 9:30am. Free; \$2 for lunch. Info: 426-9734.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbian singles** discussion and social hour. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Boston ☐ Boston Area **Women's Self-Defense** Collective 4-week women's self-defense course. \$40, with a limited number of scholarships available. Info: 574-9433.

Northampton ☐ **"BurLEZk...Live!"** Video of the BurLEZk Cabaret of lesbian strip-tease, showing at the New Alexandria Lesbian Library. 7pm. \$4. Info and directions: (413) 584-7616.

Boston ☐ **Chiltern Mt. Club** annual meeting. Sports workshops, noon-5pm; potluck supper and slide extravaganza 5-10pm. A.M.C. Cabot Hall, 5 Joy St. Non-members welcome. Info: Michael, 787-0428 or Betsy 899-1606.

Boston ☐ **"Being gay; Getting gray"** — a presentation/discussion sponsored by Prime Timers, an organization for older gay men. Revere Room, Lindemann Health Center, 25 Staniford St. 2-4pm. All older gay males welcome. Info: write Box 352, Reading, MA 01867.

22 Sunday

Boston ☐ **"Let's Twist Again!" Chubby Checker** Live for the **AIDS Action Committee.** The NYC Jukebox, 275 Tremont St. 8pm. \$25 adv./\$30 at door/\$75 for "Fat Cats" including special 'June Cleaver' dinner before at Club Cafe with hod rod limo service to party." Tickets available at Club Cafe, Juke Box, Bostix, Copley Flair, Odeon.

Merrimack, NH ☐ **Thanksgiving dinner** sponsored by NH Gay Parents at Fernands. Info: Wendy T., (603) 882-2428 or David, (603) 644-5069.

Jamaica Plain ☐ **Lesbian sexual abuse survivors** ongoing self-help group meets. 8-9:30pm. New members welcome. Info: Nancy, 522-2118.

Boston ☐ **Girth and Mirth** of New England Club Night at 119 Merrimack. 5-9pm. Info: Lenny, 389-5635 or Reed, 566-6530.

Cambridge ☐ **DOB Thanksgiving turkey dinner,** 6pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$7 members/\$8 other women. \$3 for children 10 and under. Veggie dishes available. Info: 661-3633.

Cambridge ☐ Benefit screening for Women Outdoors of **"Annapurna: A Woman's Place"** and **"Marathon Woman."** Cambridge WWCA, 7 Temple St. Show times: 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30pm. \$5-\$8. Info: 566-2558.

Cambridge ☐ **Peace Table and Harvest Festival** with Slow Turtle, Supreme Medicine Man of the Wampanoag Nation, an illustrated talk by Fox Tree on "Native 'American Indian' Circumnavigators of the World and Discoverers of Europe and Other Lands Before 1492." Presented by Phi Delta Kappa and the Millenia of Native First People. Eliot Lyman Rm., Grad. School of Education, Harvard. 5pm. \$12 adv/\$15 door; \$5/students, and children 5-12 yrs. Info and reservations: 956-1083.

Boston ☐ **Girth and Mirth** of New England club night at 119 Merrimack. 5-9pm. Info: Lenny, 389-5635 or Reed, 566-6530.

Boston ☐ Peter Stickel interviews Toby Johnson, author of a new novel, **Plague.** On **"Boston's Other Voice,"** WROR 98.5FM. 12:30am (Monday morning).

Haverhill MA ☐ **Social/support group forming for lesbians** in Haverhill, Lawrence and Southern New Hampshire. Info: 521-2239.

23 Monday

Cambridge ☐ **Jamaica Kincaid** reads as part of the Readings by Women Writers series. Rm. 10-250, 77 Mass. Ave., MIT. 8pm. Info: 253-8844.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbian Al/Anon** with childcare. The Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 6:30-8pm. Info: 354-8807.

Boston ☐ Greater Boston **Lesbian and Gay Interfaith Coalition** Thanksgiving Service of Hope. Arlington St. Church. 7:30pm. Info: Daniel Pentlarge, 625-9422.

24 Tuesday

Marblehead MA ☐ **North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance** annual potluck **Thanksgiving dinner** at the Universalist Unitarian Church, Mugford St. 6:30pm. Reservations a must. Info: Joe, 639-1398.

Cambridge ☐ **Lesbians 25 and under.** DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. \$1. Info: 661-3633

Boston ☐ **GCN's production night:** All welcome. Proofreading: before 8PM. Paste-up: after 7PM. 62 Berkeley St., near Arlington & Back Bay T-stops. GCN: 426-4469.

25 Wednesday

Boston ☐ **GCN mailing** Come help stuff the paper and meet new friends. 5pm to 10pm. Near Arlington and Back Bay T-stops. Info: GCN, 426-4469.

Cambridge ☐ Special program of taped readings by poet **Audre Lorde** on "Say it, Sister!" WMBR, 88.1 FM, 7-8pm.

27 Friday

Boston ☐ **The Normal Heart,** AIDS drama at Paramount Penthouse Theater, 58 Berkeley (also 11/28, 12/3-5 and 12/10). \$12.50. Info: 426-3550

28 Saturday

Boston ☐ **Solidarity day for Women, Inc.,** residential drug and alcohol program for women and children. Join the fight to keep Women, Inc. alive: "drop a buck in the bucket" and/or "stand up and be counted." Church of the United Community, 116 Roxbury St. 10-4pm. Info: 427-0551 from 6-10pm.

Medford ☐ **Strange Fire** by Indigo Girls album feature on **"Something about the Women"** WMFO 91.5 FM. 10am-2pm.

29 Sunday

Boston ☐ Gail Dines-Levy speaks on **"Pornography — the Propaganda of Misogyny."** Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St. Service at 11 am.

Boston ☐ Rev. **Ed Hougen** speaks about the Committee for Civil Liberties and Sexual Freedom on "Boston's Other Voice." WROR, 98.5 FM. 12:30am (Monday morning).

30 Monday

Boston ☐ **"Handling the Holidays"** series of workshops for parents/families of lesbians and gays and for lesbians and gays. Mondays (through December 14) and Saturdays (December 5 and 12). Jean Chapin Smith, LICSW. Info: 876-2113.

Worcester ☐ Virginia Rubino and the Boy From Mars perform **reggae/funk/latin/punk** at the Coffee Kingdom, Richmond and Pleasant Sts. 8pm. Hat passed. Info: 755-8936.

December 1 Tuesday

Boston ☐ **"Consequences of HIV Testing** in Short and Long Term Treatment." A presentation by Marshall Forstein, MD for mental health professionals. Mass. Mental Health Center Chapel, 74 Fenwood Rd. Small donation for the AIDS Action Committee requested. Info: Jay, 735-4613.

Haverill ☐ Support/social group forming for **lesbians in the Haverill/Lawrence area** and surrounding southern New Hampshire towns. 7pm. Info: 521-2239.

Cambridge ☐ DOB Forum presents **"Women & Spirituality"** with Charlotte Wasserman and Pat Schwartz. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Cambridge ☐ **Healing Service** for all those affected by AIDS. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Ave. 7:30pm. Info: 864-9275.

2 Wednesday

Cambridge ☐ Author **Calvin Hernton** discusses his new book **Black Women Writers and the Sexual Mountain** on "Say It, Sister!" WMBR, 88.1 FM. 7-8pm.

Cambridge ☐ **"Lesbian Parenting: Clinical Explorations."** In the 2nd annual Focus on the Family speakers series at Gutman Conference Center, Harvard University. 8-9pm. \$10. Info: 876-4488.

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BOSTON — About 200 angry lesbians, gay men and supporters picketed the offices of the Catholic Archdiocese's newspaper here in the early evening of Nov. 16. Chanting "P-I-L-O-T, what's that spell? 'Bigotry!'" the protesters denounced a Nov. 6 editorial opposing confirmation of the Massachusetts gay rights bill published in the *Pilot*, the Archdiocese's weekly paper.

The hastily-convened demonstration was the first public protest mounted by a new AIDS direct action group forming in Boston. Members of the as-yet-unnamed group say they are struggling to define its goals and parameters regarding AIDS and lesbian/gay activism. But enthusiasm from the March on Washington, coupled with recent anti-gay backlash, is pushing participants to a new level of urgency. Protester Sherman Hanke said "I'm not a violent person, but things are really threatening right now. I'll put myself on the line — I'll do what I have to do."

The *Pilot* editorial refers to "homosexual acts" as offensive and unhealthy, claims that 78 percent of "active homosexuals" suffer from sexually transmitted diseases, and suggests that teachers would be forced to advocate homosexuality if the state adopts the gay rights bill. During the demonstration, protesters criticized the church's stance by carrying signs, distributing literature and chanting slogans loud enough to be heard throughout downtown. Many participants expressed excitement at the level of noise and political spunk on display.

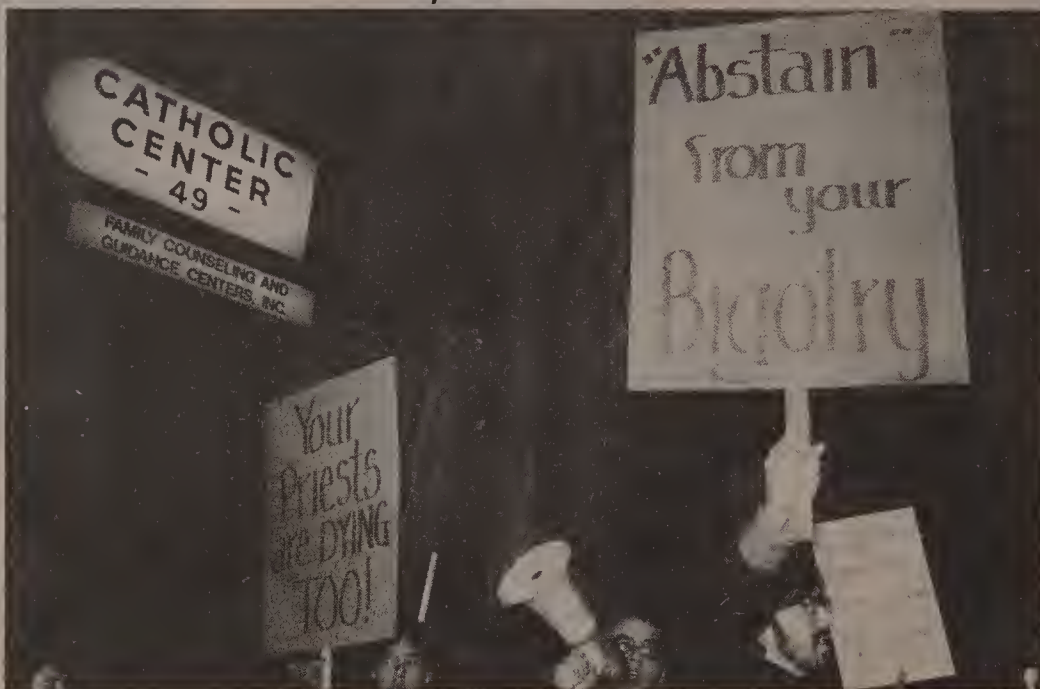
Margaret Cerullo, an AIDS activist involved in the new group, said she felt the protest was terrific, spirited and extremely militant. "In light of what's going on at the State House," she said, "we should have scheduled a week of events. We need to keep bringing the issues out of back rooms and into political consciousness. Since the *Pilot* was so obviously disgusting, this was a good way to focus and step up our visibility."

After an hour of picketing, protesters gathered for a brief sidewalk rally. Cerullo said she noticed at that point the police were donning rubber gloves, a move recognized by activists as an AIDS-phobic response

Protesters slam Catholic homophobia

New Boston political group stages loud first action at Pilot offices

By Elizabeth Pincus



Anti-Pilot demonstrators

when cops anticipate contact with the gay/lesbian community. Cerullo shouted into a megaphone, "Are the cops wearing gloves?"

Angry protesters responded with chants of "Take off your gloves!" and "Shame,

shame, shame!" sparking antagonism between the protesters and a small contingent of police. Protesters soon switched their taunt to "Your gloves don't match your shoes!" — reiterating a slogan from the October civil disobedience at the U.S. Supreme

Court in Washington. There was no further confrontation between picketers and police, and the crowd dispersed soon thereafter.

"People were very angry," said Cerullo, "and it's very important they had a chance to express that." She mentioned that the Catholic Church had yet to address the issues raised at the protest. "I'm not surprised," said Cerullo. "Their tradition is to pontificate, not negotiate."

Despite their overall sense of success, some protesters pointed out that the event drew few people from outside the white, middle-class, male gay community. Participants in the new AIDS direct action group said they have been addressing the need to broaden their base of effectiveness through outreach to various communities. Activists expressed their hope that coalition building will be a group priority from the outset, especially considering the disproportionate impact of AIDS on people of color.

Fifty to one hundred people, initially united as a follow-up group to the March on Washington, have met and formed three focus areas — media watch, direct action and a NAMES Project working to bring the AIDS quilt to Boston for display. Participants said they hope the next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 21, will yield a name and a more defined direction for the group.

One group member at the protest, Peter Medoff, expressed excitement that so much energy continues to stem from Washington. "I've had no political home here in Boston until now," said Medoff, whose participation grew out of his involvement with the March People of Color Task Force. "I've been separated and on the fringes of different communities, but now it seems that a wide range of people are involved. Some don't have much in the way of political backgrounds, but there's a lot of energy on the loose."

"The whiteness of the visibly active gay/lesbian community is an issue for me," Medoff continued. "I think how we define our new group is a fairly academic discussion. Our actions will inform how effective we are in terms of including others."

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